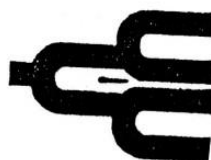


# KAPITI BRANCH



New Zealand Society of Genealogists  
PO BOX 232 PARAPARAUMU

Meetings held at Lodge Rooms, Tararua St. Paraparaumu  
Fourth Wednesday of months January- November, 7.30pm  
Library open 7.00pm

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1996

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SALES TABLE	BARBARA HUMPAGE	298 6970

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MICROFICHE BRIAN MOUNTJOY 297 0710

Financial members wishing to borrow microfiche records, please phone Brian to arrange time.

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TONIGHT we welcome Miss Daphne Meyer of the OTAKI HISTORICAL SOCIETY as our guest speaker.

24 APRIL Mr John McGibbon will speak on his experience 'Researching in Scotland.'

22 MAY Mr John Sullivan of ALEXANDER TURNBULL LIBRARY will address the meeting, his subject 'THE DATING & CARE OF OLD PHOTOGRAPHS.'

26 JUNE Mr Ian Tyler of Upper Hutt Family History Library will tell us 'HOW TO USE THE CENSUS RECORDS.'

24 JULY WORKSHOP NIGHT.

OPEN DAYS WILL BE HELD IN MAY. DETAILS TO BE ADVISED.

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WELCOME to new members P & J Cox; Hillary Kenny; Ken & Pat Brown; Kay McIntosh; Anne Jones; Catherine Shirvan; David & Cynthia Rowland; and Brenda McCarthy.

FEBRUARY MEETING. All who may have been contemplating holding a family reunion will have been inspired by John Mudgeway, who came over from Masterton to share his experience of doing just that. Months of careful planning, budgeting, communicating, researching and overall management culminated in the highly successful Mudgeway reunion last October. We all thoroughly enjoyed John's entertaining presentation & are grateful to him for coming so far to speak to us.

GETTING STARTED SESSION for new members who gave their names at last meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 April, 7pm, at Deborah Shuker's home, 8 Pohutukawa Crescent, Raumati Beach, (off Anaru Street.) This session will be basic New Zealand & Australian research. Microfiche readers and Birth Death & Marriage indexes & Cemetery Transcription microfiche & how to use them. Charge of \$2.00 per person plus photocopying. As numbers are limited please confirm tonight.

WHENUA TAPU CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTION CHECKING has been carried out on two recent Saturdays. 11 members turned up on the first day & it was most encouraging to have five of our new members participating. Five hardy souls took part on the second day despite rain & hail! Grateful thanks to all who took part. There will be future checking sessions, to be advised.

HUTT VALLEY BRANCH NZSG extend an invitation to their open days of research to be held on 15 & 16 June. Mark these dates in your diary now! 10am to 4pm at Pilmuir House, near Hutt Hospital. Charges \$7.50 day or \$10.00 both days, bring own lunch. Morning & afternoon teas provided. Extensive range of research material available. For more information contact Hutt Valley member Mrs Joan Bray, Phone 04 563 5190.

**NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
YOUR POSTAL VOTING FORMS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS MUST BE IN THE  
HANDS OF THE RETURNING OFFICER BY 4PM SATURDAY 30 MARCH 1996.**

PALMERSTON NORTH EARLY SETTLERS INDEX. Noeline Penny & her team of hard working assistants are still busy compiling this index of settlers in Palmerston North prior to 1900. If you think that you could add names to the index or help with typing & compilation of the information, then phone Noeline on 06 358 3404.

ANGLO-FRENCH FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY. If you discover a limb of your family extends into France, you may be interested in joining this society. The principle object of the Society is to help those researching ancestors in France by the sharing of information & to give advice & information as to where best obtain assistance in furtherance of their research. Correspondence (with SAE included) should be addressed to: ANGLO-FRENCH FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY, 31 COLLINGWOOD WALK, ADMIRALS WAY, HAMPSHIRE, ENGLAND.

The above two items from Palmerston North Branch NZSG newsletter, Feb 1996.

*NOTE UK stamped envelopes available from Gwenda at meetings.*

PROFILE OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER, BILL CARTER

Kay & Bill Carter are the convenors of the Kapiti Computer Genealogy Group, which is a sub-group of the Kapiti Branch of the NZSG. Bill is also a committee member of the Branch & assistant librarian. Retirement has given 'a little more time' for family History, which has been a major interest for both of them for many years. Kay is currently researching the Fisher family for a reunion book, & this will probably take her to Scotland next year. After that will be the Gallaghers & McKeowns that are her Irish roots.

Bill's main interest is the Chatham Islands, early New Zealand shipping & whaling. He has recently spent a month at the Chathams continuing research started 30 years ago on a database that will eventually record all Maori, Moriori & Europeans that lived on the Chathams from 1791 to 1900. Currently, his files link about 400 of the islands present population in a maze of family relationships. Bill holds a very strong belief that the computer is the ideal tool of the genealogist & that much more needs to be done to promote it's use within the Society, both for referencing research material & for preserving data & photographs for future use.

FROM SHIRLEY HAY OF DUNEDIN COMES THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF INFORMATION :

I compile a fortnightly-printed Genealogy column called 'TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS' in the local Dunedin give-away Star-Weekender newspaper. The column normally comprises a family story generally related to Otago or an article on a family-history related subject, photographs & a few queries & notices of local Genealogical happenings.

The service is free & anyone may participate by sending the articles or queries to me. PLEASE PRINT SURNAMES. If a copy of the printed page is required, include SAE. Replies from me for overseas queries need at least 2 IRCs or stamps of the country are very acceptable. The queries should relate preferably to DUNEDIN, or at least to OTAGO & have often been along the lines of a search for remaining family

descendants still in the area. The success rate has been pleasing. If you include a phone number & an offer to refund postage you are even more likely to get a reply. Clear photographs can be reproduced.

Yours faithfully, Mrs Shirley Hay, 13 Martin Road, Fairfield, Dunedin, New Zealand.

#### WAR GRAVES COMPUTERISED.

To meet unprecedented demand (over 40,000 enquiries world-wide in the last 12 months) the COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION has computerised its records. Information held for all of the 1,700,000 casualties killed in the two World Wars, as well as the civilian casualties of the Second World War, are now held within a vast database & all telephone & written enquiries are responded to via this new computer system. This development, as well as providing a quicker & more efficient casualty tracing service to the public, enables the Commission to deal with an additional range of more sophisticated & specialised requests for information.

Further information is available from Beverley Webb, Information Officer, phone 01628-34221, or write to the Commission at 2 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, Berks., SL6 7DX.

From 'FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE' Feb 1996, via Hutt Valley Newsletter March 1996.

'EDWIN FOX'. Copies of some passenger lists of the *EDWIN FOX* are held by Gwenda.

Copies of BAB Microfilming catalogue, and Beehive Books catalogue are in our Branch library.

## **KAPITI COMPUTER GENEALOGY GROUP**

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE LODGE ROOMS ON  
MONDAY 15 APRIL**

**THIS IS ONE WEEK LATER THAN NORMAL DUE TO EASTER.**

**MAKE A NOTE OF THIS PLEASE !**