

KAPITI BRANCH NEWSLETTER



NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS, BOX 6, PARAPARAUMU

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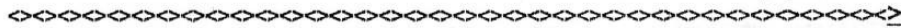
Meetings held at Masonic Lodge Rooms, Tararua Street, Paraparaumu, fourth Wednesday of months January to November, 7.30 pm. Branch Library open 7.00pm. CONVENOR Deborah Shuker 297 2238

SECRETARY Valerie Freeman 298 7396

TREASURER Val Quinlan 293 3599

MEMBERSHIP Jennifer Small 293 2577

MICROFICHE Brian Mountjoy 297 0710



LOOKING AHEAD TONIGHT Dawn Chambers of Wellington Branch explains & demonstrates Pandora's Box & Mrs M Sneddon of Levin displays her collection of old postcards for sale.. 28 August 'WHERE DID YOU FIND THAT OUT?' cafe-style evening of shared resources.. 25 September Don Hansen of Wellington will speak to us on deciphering of Old Handwriting.. 23 October is AGM followed by Kapiti member Bill Carter, his subject the Chatham Islands.. 27 November End of Year gathering.

WHERE DID YOU FIND THAT OUT? Draw up a chair, enjoy a cuppa, next month's gathering, is a sharing of favourite or well used research material. Bring along a book or written article that you have found to be a worthwhile research tool and share it with others. Bring also pencil & paper to take notes.

LAST MONTH Mr Ian Tyler of Upper Hutt Family History Library proved a popular & entertaining speaker. The Census records of Great Britain are an exceptionally valuable tool for research. Every ten years since 1841 (excepting war years) the census has been recorded. These are available on microfilm to researchers at Family History Libraries. They do need to be ordered in advance. Actual census dates are: 6 June 1841; 30 March 1851; 7 April 1861; 2 April 1871; 3 April 1881. Once a census is 100 years old it can then be released, for research by members of the public. The information on the 1841 census is fairly limited. 1851 census contains good information. Many of the districts have been indexed, though in varying styles. 1861 is badly filmed & difficult to read. Remember if you need to use this census to use a film reader that can rotate, otherwise the film looks back to front! The 1881 is the 'Rolls Royce' census because of the information it contains & the wonderful indexes that have been compiled, & are available on microfiche. If you have an address from say a birth certificate, it is worthwhile then to find the relevant census record nearest to the date of the birth, and try to locate the particular family, where siblings, ages, occupations & places of birth & other details should be recorded.

WELCOME to recent new members, Anne O'Brien (from Taradale), Andy Anderton, Carol McDonald, David Gregorie.

NEW MICROFICHE Be sure to add this to your microfiche holdings list:

N Z Expeditionary Force 1914-1918 war.

Contains Enlistment, Roll of Honour, Next of Kin etc.

(We await delivery of NZ Deaths RGO index 1951 - 1960.)

DO YOU KNOW that there is now a NZ branch of the KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY? (See flyer on noticeboard tonight, also information sheets are available from the desk.) Secretary: David H Pledge, 14 Clyde St. Dargaville.

LANDFALL IN SOUTHERN SEAS

8TH AUSTRALASIAN CONGRESS on GENEALOGY & HERALDRY

CHRISTCHURCH 6 - 9 FEBRUARY 1996

ARANZ After Two Decades... Establishing the Unfinished Business

20th anniversary conference of The Archives & Records Association of New Zealand, Thursday to Sunday 22-25 August 1996, Wellington. Bookings need to be made by 1 August. Inquiries to Convenor, 1996 ARANZ Conference Committee, P O Box 11-553, Manners Street, Wellington. fax 04 496 5439. Overseas Keynote Speakers: Sarah Tyacke, Keeper of the Public Records (United Kingdom); Bob Sharman, former State Archivist of Tasmania & Queensland; Patricia Acton, Records Management Consultant (Canada). see noticeboard.

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. **MARRIAGES-** Until 1929 a girl could legally marry when only 12 years & a boy at 14 years. **DEATHS-** The term 'Present at Death' means exactly that. 'In Attendance' usually means the person was attending the register office to report the death & not actually present at the death. (*Wellington Branch newsletter, Feb. 1994*).

FROM GENBOARD. A chart, for those of you who always wondered how it worked:

2 Parents
4 Grandparents
8 Great Grandparents
16 Great Great Grandparents
32 Great Great Great Grandparents
64 Great Great Great Great Grandparents
128 Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents
256 Great Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents
512 Great Great Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents
1024 Great Great Great Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents

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(No wonder family history research is never ending, Ed.)

WE HAVE RECEIVED ADVICE OF AN INCREASE IN BRITISH POSTAL RATES.

The NZ Society recommends that you do NOT use International Reply Paid Coupons, (IRC's). Many people will not bother to redeem the coupons as it is just too difficult to arrange for reimbursement. UK stamped envelopes available from Gwenda at meetings.

DESCENDANTS of men who served in the ARMED CONSTABULARY will be interested in the following transcription: Capt. Stack forwards application from Sergt. Short for leave on full pay to A.C. Depot, Wellington, 18th January 1876. 1/c Sergt. J Short respectfully requests the Officer Commanding A.C. Depot to recommend to the Actg. Commissioner that full pay may be allowed him whilst on leave. The sergeant has been a member of the A.C. Force for 7 & 10/12 years during which period he has not been on leave with full pay. (signed) John Short 1/c Sergt. A.C. (You will be pleased to know the request was approved by William Wyn, Actg. Commissioner A.C. 19.1.76.)

FENCIBLE DESCENDANTS REUNION To celebrate 150 years since the first Fencible soldiers landed in Auckland, The NZ Fencible Society Inc. will hold a reunion in October 1997. To register your interest (but not necessarily your commitment) send a SAE to the Reunion Committee, P O Box 8415, Symonds Street, Auckland, 1035. (*Palmerston North Branch newsletter, June 1996*.)

TEACHERS' PERSONAL FILES The Ministry of Education has a large number of teachers' personal files from the now disestablished Department of education & Education Boards.

These files were all closed on 30 September 1989. They are now being offered to the individual teachers concerned. In accordance with the Privacy Act they will only be supplied to the individual teachers or their authorised agent. You may request your file in writing including your date of birth, where & when you last taught & a photocopy of your current driver's licence or passport to: The Records' Unit, Ministry of Education, Box 1666, Wellington. Attention Jonathon Powles fax 04 471 1500. All unrequested files will be destroyed in 1997.

NEW ZEALAND FAMILY RESEARCH DIRECTORY 1997. Your attention is drawn to the pink form in the May/June NZ Genealogist. You are reminded that entries for the above close on 31 August 1996. (Note, only NZSG members may submit entries. Read your forms carefully.)

OLD GENEALOGISTS NEVER DIE, THEY MERELY LOSE THEIR CENSUS !

(Gwenda Cole, Editor, Kapiti Branch NZSG.)