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KAPITI BRANCH NEWSLETTER



NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS, BOX 6, PARAPARAUMU

AUGUST 1996

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 'Where did you find that out?' member participation night of shared knowledge..... 25 September Don Hansen, Deciphering Old Handwriting..... 23 October AGM followed by Bill Carter speaking on his research of the Chatham Islands..... 27 November End of Year Function, a fun night for all, Genealogy Trivia, a lighthearted team quiz.

July Meeting .. Due to being called away from home at short notice Mrs Sneddon was unable to present to us her collection of old postcards. We hope she will be able to visit at a future date. The meeting was convened by Rosalyn Smaill in the absence of Deborah Shuker.

Bread Butter and Jam - it's there in Pandora's Box !

Dawn Chambers introduced us to that amazing database she is compiling, that treasure trove of genealogical information that leads us to the next line of enquiry in our search for New Zealand records.

Dawn offers a free enquiry service, by post or Email. (Copies of her enquiry forms are available at the sales desk.) Currently Pandora's Box contains more than 415,000 entries! What can you expect to receive? A precis of information relevant to the request with references and suggestions for further research. Dawn held her audience captivated by her presentation, and overwhelmed by the extent of her truly remarkable database, and her knowledge. We are extremely grateful to her for introducing us to Pandora's Box, and hope she will visit Kapiti again at a future date. Well done Dawn!

NEW MICROFICHE TO ADD TO YOUR LIST

NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE NOMINAL ROLLS 1939-1948

16 Volumes, fiche numbers 1 - 29

NOTE: The names of those embarking are listed alphabetically by surname for EACH VOLUME OR ROLL. Information provided on each roll is as follows:

Full name, army number, rank, unit, marital status, place of enlistment, occupation, name & address of next-of-kin, (relationship in brackets). There is a page of 'ERRATA' at the commencement of each volume which should also be checked.

Welcome back to members who have been on overseas travels, Deborah Shuker from her visit to Japan and Jennifer Small who has been to England.

Congratulations to Heather Webber of Hutt Valley, on being elected Vice President of NZSG at Council Meeting, Queen's Birthday weekend.

KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY, NEW ZEALAND BRANCH. A new service is offered to persons interested in becoming members of the KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY. Mr David Pledge, 14 Clyde St., Dargaville is the Secretary of the NZ Branch of the above society. Information leaflets available tonight. Advantages are, group payment of fees to UK. Pay your sub in NZ currency, thereby avoiding bank charges, a NZ newsletter as well as the Kent FHS newsletter. Bulk ordering

of Kent FHS microfiche holdings, & much valuable information of Kent, & available resources. On a personal note, I sent my subscription, \$NZ19.00 which includes airmail of newsletters from Kent, & received confirmation & heaps of information by return mail. Within two weeks I received my first mail from Kent FHS. (See me tonight for leaflets on Kent Family History Society, GWENDA.)

NZ FAMILY RESEARCH DIRECTORY 1996.. If you haven't sent in your contribution this is your very last opportunity, as entries close 31 August. Get them in the mail tomorrow!!!!

1881 CENSUS AS ENUMERATED... (At national Library.) (Contributed by Deborah Shuker.) Both George Watson & I have had to think hard to find our research village on the 'As Enumerated' fiche. The answer is simple when you know how! From the surname or birthplace index you copy the piece/folio/page reference numbers. Match these numbers to the closest numbers at the top middle of the 'As Enumerated' fiche, eg. Cardington 2624,39,2 begins on the fiche headed 2624, 35,8. Use the page numbers on the fiche as your reference to go back when you realise you didn't copy it all down! The picture of the village you can get from looking at the occupations is also of interest to researchers whose families lived there before 1881, & you may also find family names of 'side shoots'. (Thanks Deborah.)

FROM BARBARA'S LANCASHIRE HOTPOT.. FAMILY BIBLE INSCRIPTION INDEX..

For over thirteen years Rena King has been compiling an index of family inscriptions taken from Bibles & Prayer Books. The earliest is dated 1585. Anyone is welcome to send a copy of their Bible inscription so that others can be made aware of it's existence. Researchers can consult the index by sending £ 3, plus an SAE, & in return receive details of any three surnames. The printout will list all occurrences of the name plus associated surnames. In the case of a popular name a locality is requested. A further small fee is required for an actual copy of the inscription. Write to: Mrs Rena King, 16 Upper Shott, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, EN7 6DR. UK.

IF YOU CAN'T BEAT'EM, JOIN'EM. KAPITI GENEALOGY'S COMPUTER SUB-GROUP meets on the second Monday of the month, 7.30pm at Masonic Hall, Tararua St, Paraparaumu.

'Back to Basics' is the theme for the next meeting, which will be run as a group activity. It won't be heavy going or too technical is the message of Convenors Kay & Bill Carter. Don't be put off coming along because you think everyone else knows all there is to know about the use of computers for genealogy, & you know little or nothing. Kapiti Genealogy Computer Group is there to help & advise you. So, even if you are thinking of getting into computers sometime in the future, it's a good idea to come along to now, & acquaint yourself with what is available, & the terminology, programs etc. (Convenors ph. 298 8576)

NEWS FROM THE NZSG... NEW CONSTITUTION FOR NZSG... the Constitution, as amended at the recent Annual General Meeting, has been forwarded to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies. Once notification of Registration has been received a copy of the 1996 Constitution will be sent to all affiliated Branches.

BRANCH COMMITTEES... Branch members are reminded that according to the (NZSG) Constitution all members of a Branch committee must be financial members of the NZSG. This means that they must be financial when elected and continue to be financial for the remainder of their term of office.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.. Yes, time to be thinking of contributing something of yourself to Kapiti Genealogy Branch. What better way than to stand for committee? For myself it has been a time of great involvement with fellow genealogists & when I first stood for committee I was a real 'new kid on the block'. What do I have to offer, I asked myself then? Nine years on I have made the choice to not stand for re-election, to make way for some new blood, new ideas & approaches ect. It has been a rewarding time & I realise now that I did have something to offer after all. Not only have I contributed, but gained personally. We all have talents, so, come on now, you are all bright intelligent people with a common interest or you wouldn't be studying genealogy.

The Annual General Meeting of Kapiti Branch will be held on 23 October 1996, & will precede the general meeting. Nominators as well as nominees must be financial members of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists. *Gwenda Cole Editor.*