

TRUSTBANK GRANT

The committee are very pleased to announce that they have received on behalf of Kapiti Branch a very generous grant from the TRUSTBANK COMMUNITY TRUST, the sum of \$500.00. This is for the specific purpose of purchasing the Birth & Marriage indexes from the Registrar General's office. (These microfiche records are now on order & we will notify members, via the newsletter when they have arrived.) The computer sub-group have also benefitted from the grant, as they are now able to pay off the balance of the 'spider', a valuable piece of equipment for the computer meetings. Our thanks are extended to Trustbank for their support.

MORE MICROFICHE NEWS..... Also on order is the 'Ships' Pictures Index', compiled by Nick Vine-Hall of NSW. More about that when the order arrives.

CALLING ALL MACRAES

Detailed MacRae Index. Good news for all owners of 'MACRAES TO NEW ZEALAND'. Now finally available is an 80-page booklet of six 'SUPPLEMENTARY INDEXES.' This lists all MacRae given names for males & for females including maiden surnames. In addition there is a marriage index, an index for significant non-MACRAE families, one of ships, places, major events, farms & stations associated with MACRAEs, & errata & addenda. It is an essential adjunct to 'MACRAES TO NEW ZEALAND,' which has already proved invaluable for one Doctoral thesis on Highland pipe music in New Zealand.

To those still unaware of this 474 page NZ reference book, it comprises genealogies from the original Scottish roots of not only MACRAE (all spellings) immigrant families to New Zealand but also more than 5,000 other mainly Scottish surnames connected through marriage with the MACRAEs, together with maps, a shipping list, historic illustrations & a bibliography.

Both publications are available from Molly Akers, Opiki, RD4, Palmerston North 5321, New Zealand.

'MACRAES TO NEW ZEALAND' within NZ: \$NZ35.00 soft cover, \$NZ54.00 hard cover.

to Australia \$NZ 43.00 soft cover, \$NZ 65.00 hard cover.

'SUPPLEMENTARY INDEXES' NZ \$10.00 (p&p incl) to all destinations.

(Molly Akers is a member of Palmerston North Branch)

VICTORIA (AUSTRALIA) CERTIFICATES: \$A 16.00 plus postage. Use VISA easiest way to pay, OR from genboard: Transcription Agent, Bruce Fullarton, Datapoint, 1st floor 295 Queen St., Melbourne. Full transcription \$A9.00. Births up to 1913, Marriages & Deaths up to 1930.

KAPITI GENEALOGY COMPUTER GROUP MEETS 2ND MONDAY OF MONTH.

DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR? Whilst searching for my SHEPHERD ancestors in Family Search I came across these members of one family (not mine I hasten to add) : NAPOLEON BONAPARTE SHEPHERD, ISAAC NEWTON SHEPHERD, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SHEPHERD & GEORGE WASHINGTON SHEPHERD!!!!

Out with the old, in with the new! This is my last Newsletter for Kapiti Branch. Rosalyn Smaill will take over as Editor. I appreciate the articles & items members have submitted over the five years I have compiled the newsletter, & thank you for these & the compliments I have had. I will miss the involvement the task has provided me with, but, time for change, so please support Rosalyn with items of information & anecdotes.

I once wrote that: "GENEALOGY IS FASCINATING, INTRIGUING, SADDENING, MADDENING, DEMANDING, BUT MOST OF ALL FULFILLING". I still hold with that statement, one I am sure you all agree with! Gwenda Cole, Editor.

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