

# Kapiti Branch Newsletter

## Kapiti Branch Contacts

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### Tonight's Meeting

This is the first meeting of 1997 and the we will look at the subject of

#### "UNUSUAL SOURCES"

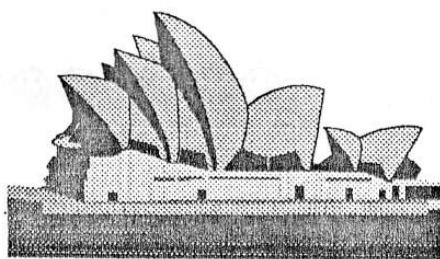
We will have a number of speakers sharing unusual research sources which just might be the one you need for that elusive ancestor.

### February Meeting

Are you totally overawed by modern technology? Which genealogy programme is for you? The Computer Group will present

#### "COMPUTERS & GENEALOGY"

on Wed 26th February. Come prepared with your questions (which will be drawn from a hat so everyone has opportunity to take part).



Did your ancestors walk this land before there was an Opera House?

### Christmas Meeting

This was another one of THOSE evenings! Gwenda Cole was the Quizz Master in a fun filled evening which has us either in side-splitting laughter or puzzling over genealogy questions. Thank you, Gwenda, and also husband Gerry and Alan Shuker who acted as scrutineers. The evenings in which we abandon the formal meeting structure are wonderful opportunities to get to know

other members. It is not always possible to have such opportunities at the "normal" meetings and there is an obvious enjoyment of members is evidenced by the cheerful chatter. The sharing of wine or fruit juice, crackers, chips and dips, Christmas cake and other goodies enhanced the joyful mood of those present.

We all look forward to our next informal meeting.

### Emigrants Awaiting Embarkation

The following are listed in the 1851 Census as "emigrants awaiting embarkation for Canada" at Tilbury Ford, Chadwell, Essex (HO 107 1773 folios 206v tp 209). pershaps someone's missing ancestor is amongst them.

Name & Age	Born
John MEARS 45	Westmeath, Athlone
James WATSON 47	Tyrone, Omagh
Wm JOHNSTON 37	Kildare, Newbridge
John FRASER 41	Nairn, Nairn
Robert GRIMMON 40	Sussex, Eastbourne
Wm ARMSTRONG 41	Sligo, Haselwood
John KENNEY 43	Tyrone, Ballygally
Thomas WALSH 44	Mayo, Bale
James LORDS 44	Fermanagh, Brooksborough
Wm HOLLOWELL 41	Lancs, Upholland
John DRAKE 45	Norfolk, Norwich
Thomas AVITT 45	Fermanagh, Auchavay
John WALSH 44	Kilkenny, Johnstown
Geo TRUSSELL 44	Kent, Chatham
L'ian REYNOLDS 43	Rodcommon, Clemtusket
Edward KRLLY 43	Tipperary, Kilcoolgabbey
John HALL 46	Yorkshire, Bradford
Dennis QUINN 43	Kings, Tullamore
James KEILLEY 45	Kilkenny, Moncen
Peter KELLY 45	Kilkenny, Kilkenny
David KERR 43	Larnark, Glasgow
John McCRUDDEN 45	Down, Newry
John GARRY 42	Kildare, Rosperon
John MULLONEY 43	Tipperary, Conmell
Robert BAKER 41	Yorkshire, Driffield
John LEMAN 41	Norfolk, Heydon
Wm SULLIVAN 43	Tipperary, Cahir
R'ard SOMMERVILLE 40	Haddington, Haddington
John BROWN 44	Larnark, Glasgow
Wm FLEMING 45	Dublin

From M J GANDY, FSG, 3 Church Cres, Whetstone London, N20 0JR, UK

Now Available to Kapiti Members  
 NZ Births & Marriages 1951-1960  
 microfiche  
 Phone Brian, 2970710

### The Elusive Ancestor

I went searching for an ancestor, I cannot find him still.  
He moved around from place to place & did not leave a will.  
He married where a courthouse burned; he mended all his fences.  
He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census.

He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame,  
And every twenty years or so, this rascal changed his name.  
His parents came from Europe - they should be upon some list  
Of passengers to the USA, but somehow they got missed.

And no one else in this whole world is searching for this man,  
So I play geno-solitaire to find him if I can.  
I'm told he's buried in a plot (with tombstone he is blessed)  
But weather took engraving and vandals did the rest.

He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.  
No family Bible has emerged in spite of all my efforts.  
To top it off, this ancestor, who caused me many groans,  
Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named JONES.

*Picked up by Pearl Wilson, Keri Keri, from the Internet.  
This poem may be USA based, but the scenario is VERY familiar.*

### Scottish Genealogy

The book, "Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry", by Kathleen B. COREY, 2nd Edition, is now in the book-shops.

This is the most practical, up-to-date and the most informative guide to Scottish ancestry ever to come on to the open market.

It focuses on the holdings of two principle Scottish record repositories - the General Register Office and the Scottish Record Office, both in Edinburgh.

Additional records and repositories are covered in later chapters. Five appendices follow, including a glossary of useful addresses and a full list of Scottish parishes, counties and commissariots.

Also included are a county map of Scotland, street map of Edinburgh, and a step by step guide of the easiest way to work out your own family tree.

I have seen this book - it is an update from the first - and it is very well written and an excellent addition to any library.

The book's price is \$25 Australian, and is available from:

Yesteryear Links,  
P.O. Box 1088,  
Oxley,  
Queensland 4075,  
Australia.

*From Yvonne Bean, Brisbane,  
via the Genboard.*

(This book may be available from:

Beehive Books  
P.O. Box 25-025,  
Auckland 5,  
Phone/Fax 09-5211518

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### BRANCH SERVICE AWARDS

Presented at November's meeting:

**GWENDA COLE** has been a committee member since 1988. Initially in charge of the microfiche library, she took on the onerous task of editing our newsletter in 1990 and produced many interesting editions in the following six years. Coupled with this, she was also the Convenor from 1993 to 1995.

Gwenda has also helped with cemetery transcribing and publicity displays.

**JAN BONNETT** has held the offices of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer in the six years she was on committee. She has been the guest speaker at many meetings, both genealogy and local clubs and conducted successful research days. Jan has introduced many people to the fascination of Family History, and given of her skills and time unselfishly. Jan has also been the Treasurer of the Cornish group and assisted with data entry for several NZSOG projects.

**TERRI MANU** has held the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Microfiche officer for Kapiti Genealogy. During the last 10 years she has given her time to our workshops and open days. Terri has also assisted with data entry for several NZSOG projects and is currently NZSG librarian for Scottish, Irish and Australian books.



### Australian Resources

The **Australian Family Tree Connections** is preparing to become a consumer magazine which will be available from newsagencies in Australia and New Zealand. Meanwhile copies are available from Beehive Books, Auckland.

The Genealogical Society of Queensland has a new interest group, **Convict Connections**. Any person can subscribe to their quarterly Newsletter on receipt of AU\$14.00 (includes postage to New Zealand). The above fee is the joining fee for the Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc. and that entitles free membership to all other Interest Groups within that Society also. A phone call to the Australia High Commission in Wellington, should provide the necessary address for the GSQ.

Membership of the **Australian Interest Group** is a MUST for those members of the NZSG researching in Aus. \$5 and 4 long stamped addressed envelopes sent to: Bruce Tudor, 11a Butterworth Ave., Papakura, Auckland, procures 4 newsletters per year and access to all resources of the Interest Group.