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Tonight's Meeting

We will look at getting the maximum information from Marriages in:

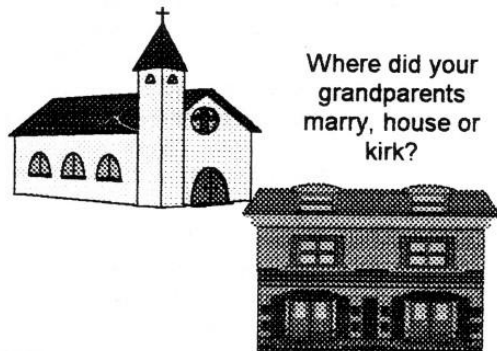
NZ Marriages A La Carte

What can we learn from marriage records? We will be exploring:

- Entre * Intentions to Marry
- Main Course * The Marriage Certificate
- Dessert Trolley or Indigestion Remedy * Divorce Records

April Meeting

"My Dear Fanny" a talk by Pauline Neale about two professional entertainers, Fanny Sara & Fred Clifton who toured NZ in the 1870s & settled here. Using the letters to Fanny in the Turnbull Library as a basis, Pauline has researched their genealogy. This talk comes with high recommendation.



Reviews

January Meeting - Unusual Sources

Looking at unusual sources for the genealogist, Barbara Humpage took us to the Census records in Liverpool that covered families waiting to migrate to the colonies. Deborah Shuker encouraged us not to ignore old postcards - these often contain valuable information. Carol Procter showed us the Hong Books, listing Europeans in Shanghai, China in the 1860s. Rosalyn Smaill suggested re-reading old greeting cards and "Christmas" letters which often contain the latest family information. Brian

Mountjoy made us aware of the Miscellaneous Box of Microfiche which contains such treasures and NZ Bankruptcies, Passenger and Shipping Lists, Military Records, Newspaper BDM notices. There is so much information out there, if you just know where to find it.

February - Computers & Genealogy

Are you totally overawed by modern technology? Which genealogy programme is for you? The Computer Group had a very professional set up waiting for us, 3 computers, able to feed in to the 8 monitors, positioned so that every had a good view of the screen. Kay Carter acted as "anchor man", while Allan Kenning showed us the PAF Genealogy Programme, the value of Family Tree Maker, Bill Carter demonstrated Reunion and Brendan Wilson whetted our appetites with his database of Marriage Witnesses, downloaded from the Genboard and able to be accessed by brides, grooms and witnesses. Everyone was riveted to their seats, with even the non-computer folk absorbed in the benefits of going electronic. The meeting ended with a question and answer time and it would appear that the Kapiti Coast computer dealers may well be advantaged by the meeting.

NSW Births Deaths & Marriages Fiche

1780s to 1905

International Genealogy Index Fiche

All of England, Scotland, Ireland

Scottish Ministers of All Religions

75 fiche with details of parishes, distribution to poor, etc.

But you don't own a microfiche reader?

Borrow the Branch reader!!!

**For all Microfiche Requests
 Phone Brian, 2970710**

Notice Board

Research Weekend, Tauranga - 16-18 May 1997
Plus NZGS Annual General Meeting

Genealogy Magazines - Ireland, Scotland, England Australia

Are you interested in being part of the round robin distribution for a nominal cost?
Phone John Glover 29 84936

Kapiti Branch Open Research Weekend - 28-29 June
Keep this weekend free!

Thankyou!

Have you noticed the NZSG Logo that graces the front of this newsletter? Many thanks to ALLAN KENNING who has scanned it for our use.

Research Services

offered by
Society of Australian
Genealogists

The Society operates a library for researchers in Kent St., Sydney, open Wed, Thur & Sat from 10.30am to 4pm. Access to SAG members is free, non-members needing to pay a daily fee of A\$12 per person.

They operate a limited mail research service for non-members:

- * a fee of A\$30 is payable in advance, payment being made by cheque or bank draft, Bankcard, Mastercard, or Visa.
- * this fee covers a brief check of records held by the Society
- * photocopying charges are additional to this fee, 40c per A4 page, 60c for A3.

A Grave Business

Mangere, Auckland, florist Val PAYNE is involved in more than flowers at the moment. She has taken on the task of locating the descendants of 41 people buried in the local Methodist Graveyard.

Auckland Airport announced that the 130 year old cemetery lay in the path of the proposed new runway, which spurred Val to begin looking for descendants of those buried there for permission to exhume and rebury their relatives' remains.

Finding family members of 28 of

the deceased proved no problem with the assistance of Methodist records, the NZSG and LDS archives. Help was needed to find the rest however. This is compounded by the fact that some graves are unmarked.

The NZ Herald covered the story and Val has since been interviewed by Radio Pacific, Auckland and TV, Radio NZ, and Airport Radio. Months later people phone with possible leads.

A search of Herald Archives solved the the mystery of a 100 year old grave marked "Nora, died May 16 1896". She turned out to have been the 21 year old daughter of Rev.W J WATKINS, and had drowned in Manakau Harbour.

Can you help find the families of the following:

Jones, John Leopold, d 15.5.1922 aged 73
Jones, Agnes Suzannah, d 29.6.1935 aged 82
Jones, William Shacklock, d 12.1.1908 aged 63
Pascoe, Richard, d 16.7.1892 aged 73
Pascoe, Mary, d 31.7.1903 aged 82
Griffiths, Mary, wife of John, d 22.12.1894 aged 62
Cumming, Sarah, wife of John MacNicholl, d 4.12.1920 aged 53
Cumming, Edward Reginald, d 30.7.1893 aged 2

Contact Val Payne, phone 09-636 6291, fax 09-636 5233.

Crosslink, March 1997

Grannies Galore

A photo in the *Dominion* 1 Aug 1996 showed new-born baby Nathan Moroni James MOLONEY with his parents. The accompanying article described the baby as possibly the first New Zealander to have a living great-great-great-grandparent. There are six generations of his family living: Nathan himself, mother (18), grandmother (37), great-grandmother (58), great-great-grandmother (76), and great-great-great-grandmother (97). What a wonderful storehouse of memories this little boy will grow up with.

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Recognition of Pre-Adamites

On 16th Dec 1975 to mark 125th Anniversary of the arrival of the First Four Ships in Canterbury, bronze plaques were set in the pavement of cathedral Square outside the then central Post Office. These listed the settlers on those ships.

At the time objections were raised about the failure to recognise those settler who arrived before the organised settlement represented by the First Four Ships. It was not until 29 Aug 1985 that a further plaque was added, recognising the Pre-Adamites as the earlier settlers came to be called, but none was individually named. This is the wording of the 1985 plaque:

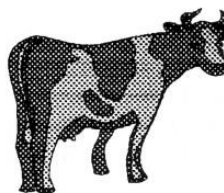
"From 1830-1850, the territory now known as Canterbury, long the home of the Maori, saw its first Pakeha settlers. Referred to later as Pre-Adamites, these settlers came from the British Isles, Europe, Australia, North America and other parts of New Zealand. Most lived on Banks Peninsula. Akaroa erstwhile became the French settlement in 1840 and principle community. They worked mainly as flax traders, whalers, bush workers, boat builders, carpenters, farmers, housewives, clergy, artisans, nurses, hotel keepers, merchants, domestics and general labourers. Active in this area also were the agents and surveyors preparing for the arrival of the first Canterbury Association Settlers in December 1850."

Pre-Adamite Index

Is it possible that one of your ancestors could be a Pre-Adamite? Then you may be in luck because 20 or more years ago a group of NZSG Canterbury Branch members got together to compile an index of "Pre-Adamite" settlers, being the ones to coin that expression. This is available in the Canterbury Museum Library (the master index) while a copy is in the Canterbury Public Library. The Master Index is updated as more material comes to hand.

Pioneers of the Plains - The Deans of Canterbury

The author of this book about the Pre-Adamite Dean family is Gordon Ogilvie, one of Canterbury's best known historians and biographers. It is published by Shoal Bay Press, costing \$59.95



Canterbury NZSG Newsletter

Radio Pacific, 711 AM, 98.1 FM
"Open Country" Programme, with much
genealogical interest, 5 - 8am Sat, 5 - 9am Sun.