



# ◆ Kapiti Branch Newsletter ◆

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## Tonight's Meeting

Welcome to Pauline Neale who is going to tell us about "My Dear Fanny". Pauline has researched two professional entertainers Fanny Sara & Fred Clifton who toured NZ in the 1870s & settled here. Her sources were letters held in the Turnbull Library, and we look forward to this highly recommended talk.



## Review - March Meeting

We had a look at getting the maximum information from marriages in:

### NZ Marriages A La Carte

What did we learn from marriage records? We explored:

#### Entre \* *Intentions to Marry*

Jan Bonnet gave us information obtaining and using *Intention to Marry* records to the maximum advantage.

#### Main Course \* *The Marriage Certificate*

The actual Marriage Certificates, their changes through the years, the best form to use for research and how often the information needs to be taken with a grain of salt, was shared by Rosalyn Smaill. She also encouraged the use of newspaper reports of marriages.

#### Dessert Trolley / *Indigestion Remedy*

##### \* *Divorce Records*

Carol Prockter gave us the benefit of her research into Divorce records, how and where to obtain them, stressing the value of newspaper reports as well as the official court records as in past time they were given a great deal of attention by reporters & editors. This was an extremely interesting evening, opening up what appear to be dry facts and adding flesh to the bones.

## May Meeting

The area of NZ Defence Personnel Archives will be explored in the May meeting when Lynley Yates comes to share with us. Once again come prepared with paper and pen for note taking, as it is an unusual NZ family that does not have its share of service men and women.

## Snippets

New Address:

**GRO, Office of National** (Ex St. Catherine's House, home of England's Birth, Death & Marriage Records, incl. PRO Census Room), Myddleton Place, Myddleton Street, London, EC 1, England

Old Occupations:

**"Tide Waiter"** - This was a Custom's Officer who awaited the arrival of ships and boarded them to prevent evasion of customs-house regulations.

Passenger Lists:

**"British Empire" & "British Crown"** into Canterbury 1863/64. Ring Barbara at 2986970.

Reference Book & Leaflet:

**"Historic Trentham"** by Will Lawson (1914 - 17), Published 1918, and **"Old Kaitaia"** written 1940's. Ring Barbara at 2986970.

Subscriptions:

**1997 Kapiti Branch Subscriptions** - Have you paid your sub? If not, please see Ken Brown phone 2932260, or mail your cheque to PO Box 6, Paraparaumu.

## New Microfiche

### Index of Inner London 1838 - 47

Directory to Tallis's

1969 Publication of People, Trades, Streets & Principle Features of London

## NZ Cemetery Records & Transcripts

Which includes Burial Registers for some cemeteries - a very worthwhile resource to explore.

**But you don't own a micro-fiche 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?  
Phine John Glover 29 84936

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

### New Books in the Library

*Family Research Directory 1997*

*Landfall In Southern Seas*

(Congress Proceedings, packed with research information)

*The Story of New Zealand*

*A Lucky Landing - the History of Irish Immigration to NZ*

*Log of Logs Volume 2*

## Tallest Family Tree?

A history teacher in Cheddar, Somerset, England, had been introduced to a long-lost ancestor - the 9000 year old Cheddar Man. The teacher, Alan Targett, has been linked by genetic scientists as a direct descendant of the hunter whose skeleton was found in nearby caves in 1903.

A DNA experiment was done involving the staff and pupils of Kings, the school at which Mr. Targett teaches, comparing DNA from a molar of the skeleton with swabs from their mouths. Mr. Targett was "overwhelmed" when told of his close relationship. His ancestors had been farm labourers in the district for many generations (long live the ag.lab.) but he is an only child, married, with no children.



## Battle of Waterloo

A database of 25000 of the 30000 British soldiers serving at Waterloo in 1815 has been compiled. SAE or 2 IRCs to:

**David Milner, School House,  
45 Selworthy Rd, Weston-  
Super-Mare, BS23 3ST, Eng-  
land.**

## Australian Sources

### Qld School Admissions

Queensland State Archives, PO Box 1397, Sunnybank Hills, Qld 4109, Australia, has school admission registers. These are a wonderful source, and information given is similar to that from NZ schools. Most are microfilmed and are indexed in *Alphabetical List of School Admission Registers* and the *School Card Index*.

### Victorian Transcription Service

The National Heritage Foundation has advised that the Licence Agreement previously given to *Datapoint* by the Victorian Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages was discontinued 31 Dec 1996.

### Western Australian Help

The Goldfields Branch of WAGS Inc. is starting a new "Can You Help?" page in the next issue of their most interesting and informative quarterly magazine "Goldfields Digger". Overseas readers may, free of charge, have their requests for assistance published, up to 50 words. Correspondence to: **The Editor, Goldfield Digger, PO Box, Kalgoorlie, WA 6430, Australia**

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## Wellington Public Library

### Family History Material

Available on 2nd Floor Family History Section:

- **Wise's NZ Guide** (gazette covering city/suburbs)
- **The Streets of My City**, F L Irvine-Smith, 1994
- **Wellington, Horowhenua & Wairapa**, Peter Mounsey, 1980, guidebook
- **The Great Harbour of Tara: Traditional Maori Place Names & Sites**, G L Adkin, 1959
- **Wellington Books: A Guide To Sources**, Hilda McDonnell, 1992, bibliography
- **Newspaper Clippings** - Airports, Buildings, Churches, Shipwrecks, Wellington (subdivided)
- **Local History Cabinet** - Personal Name Lists, Wellington Pioneer Roll, Jury Lists, Electoral Rolls, Cemetery Headstone Transcriptions, Council Minute Book Extracts, 1863-4 Rate Book Indices, Scrapbooks, **Survey of Wellington** by Thomas Ward 1891, **NZ Electoral Atlas** by Alan McRobie, 1989
- **Photographs** - Wellington, arranged by depicted location
- **Pictorial - Fresh About Cook Strait** by Grahame Anderson 1984, **Early Wellington** by L E Ward 1928, **The Making of Wellington 1800-1914** (portraits), **Bragge's Wellington & the Wairapa 1974**, **Wellington Through A Victorian Lens** by Wm Main 1972
- **Manuscripts** - Catalogue available on request
- **Biographies - The Dictionary of NZ Biography 1900 1993 1996 3 Volumes**, **The People of Many Peaks: the Maori Biographies from 1769-1869**, **The Book of NZ Women 1991**, **An Encyclopaedia of NZ A H McLintock 1966**, **The Making of Wellington 1800-1914 1966**, **The Cyclopaedia of NZ 1897**, **Women Named in the Cyclopaedia of NZ 1986**, **Women's Words: a guide to manuscripts & archives in the Turnbull Library**, **Dragons on the Long White Cloud** by Manying Ip 1996 (Chinese in Wellington), **Alla Fine Del Mondo** by Paul Elenio 1995 (Italian Migrants), **Stories of Greek Settlement** by Maria Verivaki
- **Microfiche - NZ Births, Deaths & Marriages, Cemetery Records, Street Directories, Electoral Rolls & other name lists**



Enquiries to: Wellington Public Library  
(2nd Floor), 65 Victoria St., Wellington

## Adoptees & Birth Families

Adoptees can now contact their birth families as follows:

**England & Wales:** Adoption Contact Register Section, Office for National Statistics, General Registry Office, Smedley Hydro, Trafalgar Rd, Birkdale, Southport, PR8-2HH, England

**Scotland:** Birth Link, Family Care, Castle St., Edinburgh, EH2-3DN, Scotland

**Northern Ireland:** Register General, Oxford House, 49/55 Chichester St, Belfast BR1-\$HL, Northern Ireland

**Republic of Ireland:** Register General, Joyce House, 8/11 Lombard St East, Dublin 2, Republic of Ireland.

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