Kapiti Branch NZSG

March 1998



New Zealand Society of Genealogists, Kapiti Branch P O Box 6, Paraparaumu.

Meetings held at Masonic Lodge Rooms,
Tararua St,
Paraparaumu,
4th Wednesdays of months
January to
November,
7.30pm,

Branch Library opens 7.00pm

Previews and Reviews

Tonight's meeting will enable us to meet Marcia Donaldson who will talk on the English holdings of the NZSG Library. There is so much available to the NZSG member to borrow.



Supper Duties: To assist our Committee, we are asking members to please assist with

suppers, particularly the serving & washing up. March, S April, T - Y

April Meeting will be great. Matgaret Hurst of the National Library will tell about their genealogy holdings.

In February we looked at "Grave Matters in New Zealand" in a workshop using the NZ Cemetery Microfiche, lead by Deborah Shuker. She explained the intricies of using the Microfiche and what to expect from burial and inscription records. Rosalyn Smaill shared the results of investigating one such inscription and the resulting information, which even included a photo of a deceased relative and of his funeral. The enthusiasm with which fiche were requested for viewing, and the late hour of the switching off of the microfiche readers, would indicate that folk were fining worthwhile information. A first - time couple just starting out found some excellent info.

From The Family History Bookshelf

Coming soon!! This news is from the General Register Office - Scotland web site at http://www.open.gov.uk/gros/faq.htm

"...Spring 1998 a fully searchable index of Scottish birth and marriage records from 1553 to 1897. and death records from 1855 to 1897 will be available on the Web. The General Register Office for Scotland Internet service will be formally launched by Henry McLeish, Minister of State at The Scottish Office on Monday the sixth of April. Public access to the database will be available immediately after the launch, from approximately 1.00 p.m. UK time.

"The service will provide World Wide Web access to a fully searchable index to births/baptisms and banns/ marriages from the Old Parish Registers dating from 1553 to 1854, and births, marriages and deaths from the Statutory Index for 1855 to 1897. An index to census records for 1891 will also be provided; 1881 census data will be made available later this year.

"We have established a mailing list to inform customer

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Kapiti Branch 1998 Committee

CONVENOR SECRETARY TREASURER MINUTES MEMBERS LIBRARIAN

PROGRAMME MICROFICHE EDITOR Deborah Shuker 299 2238 Valerie Freeman 298 7396 John Weston 2992176 John Glover 2984936 Barbara Humpage 298 6970 Lindsay Smaill 2987395 Debbie Benson 2971940 Gill Radford 2932239 Barbara Tunley, 298 6531 Rosalyn Smaill 2987395

Notice Board

Apr 22 National Library Genealogy Holdings with Margaret Hurst
May 27 Kevin & Val Mills, Postcards, Medals, Memorabilia

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

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when this service is launched, to be added to it send a message (with 'on-line indexes service' as the subject) to nrh.gros@gt net.gov.uk. Your e-mail address will not be given to third parties."

"The General Register Office for Scotland is the UK Governmentdepartment responsible for the registration of births, marriages, deaths, divorces and adoptions in Scotland, and for carrying out periodic censuses of Scotland's population."

For more information, visit their web site at http://www.open.gov.uk/gros/groshome.htm

1998 Subs are DUE!!!
Treasurer John Weston
will be happy to
relieve you of same.

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Web Page: http://homepages. ihug.co.nz./~nzsg/

Kapiti Branch
Open Research Day
11-12 July 1998
Topics: England, Wales,
General Research

Royal Snippets: The 1851 Census for Buckingham Palace shows Her Majesty Alexandrina Victoria, Wife, Married, 31, Occupation, The Queen, born Kensington Palace, followed by HRH Francis Albert Augustus Charles Emmanuel, Head, married, 31, no birth place given.

Lord Glamis, father of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, failed to register her birth within the legal six weeks period and paid a fine of 7/6. He stated that she was born at their home in Hertfordshire when in fact she was born in London - possibly in an ambulance. For this Lord Glamis risked conviction as a felon. Not content with this error, he never registered birth of Elizabeth's younger brother - but this WAS his 10th child. Yorks Family History Magazine 1987

Morg On Scotland

MY AIN FOLK: An Easy Guide To Scottish Family History, Graham S. Holton and Jack Winch.

Charlemagne, El Cid, St Margaret, Constantine VII and John McPhail (a Greenock mail-coach guard) were all Graham S. Holton's ancestors and the threads connectin them explain the fascination of genealogy. This attractive 150-page paperback guide to tracing Scottish ancestry encompasses such topics as how to start; where to look; keepingrecords; using your computer; and how the Internet can help. In addition, access to birth, marriage and death certificates, censuses and International Genealogical Index information is included. A pocketful of people from the past.

Tuckwell Press. ukp 5.99 (Available from bookshops) ISBN 1-86232-024-1

DUDDINGSTON MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS AND POLL TAX 1694-99. D. Richard Torrance.

A useful compilation of deceased and pollable persons at this time, material from several original documentary sources.

ukp 2.50 (incl. overseas surface). The Scottish Genealogy Society, 15 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh. EH1 2JL.

KIRKCALDY BURIALS 1767 - 1854 From The Lair Registers: Vol 1. Vol 2. Edited by Andrew Campbell. Alphabetically arranged archive material in an easy-to-read format, enabling instant pinpointing of families and all relevant details about them in this context, which may include profession and status in family.

ukp 5.00 for two volumes, (overseas surface ukp 2). Fife Family History Society, c/o 30 Brown Street, Buckhaven. Fife KY8 1JW.

BOB McGLASHAN

Historical Places Tour

On 8th March fifteen members and friends of the Kapiti Branch NZSG went on an enjoyable outing to Wellington. First stop the Petone Settlers Museum where the group toured the Museum, has guided access to its early settlers' computer data base and was shown historical videos. After lunch at Frank Kitts Park, it was off to Katherine Mansfield House where the curator gave a guided tour of the building and outlines Katherine's life. Next they went to the Colonial Cottage Museum where four guides escourted the group through the cottage before preparing pikelets and tea on the cottage's wood burning stove.

It was disappointing the of the twenty two members who indicated an interest in going after the bus had been hired and all arrangements made, only eight confirmed. After much telephning, fifteen people made the journey.

John Weston

Snippets

Research Weekend at Tauranga: Keep this weekend clear if you are going to be in the Bay of Plenty area over Labour Weekend 1998.

South Africa: Ever wondered haow to find information in South Africa? The answer is the South Africa Genealogy Society. Address: The Secretary, Genealogical Society of South Africa, Box 2119, Houghton, 2041, South Africa.

Porirua Public Library: The Library will be undergoing a major reorganisation and as a result one of the first things to change will be the Genealogical Research centre. They hope to be in their new location by the end of April, with the opening of the Complex scheduled for August.

