

# Kapiti Branch NZSG

April 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 Margaret Hurst of the **National Library**. Margaret will tell about the Library's genealogy holdings.



**Supper Duties:** To assist our Committee, we are asking members to please assist with suppers, particularly the serving & washing up.

April, T - Y  
May, A - B

**March Meeting:** Marcia

Donaldson, the NZSG England and Wales Librarian, talked on the **English holdings of the NZSG Library**. There is so much available to the NZSG member to borrow. Marcia holds 2473 books and 1163 sets of fiche! Her address is in your "NZ Genealogist" so take advantage of the great selection she has to help the English and Welsh researcher.

**May Meeting:** Bring your wallet and cheque book! Val and Kevin Mills of Johnsonville and Meryl and John Sneddon of Levin will bring their collections of **postcards, coins and memorabilia** which they have for sale. Each will give a short overview of their collections.

## Kapiti Branch 1998 Committee

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## From The Family History Bookshelf

**Scottish Records Update**  
by Juliana Szucs Smith

The General Register Office of Scotland went online on 6th April with a fully searchable index of Scottish birth and marriage records from 1553 to 1897, and death records from 1855 to 1897. Apparently the database is a huge success because this morning the following message was up.

"The database is currently being oversubscribed and access times are slow. Please try later when the launch rush has receded. Thank you for your patience."

The following information is also available, as well as a demo of the database at:  
<http://www.origins.net/GRO/>

"Scots Origins is an online pay-per-view database of indexes from the genealogical records of the GRO(S). It costs £6 (sterling) for 30 page credits. Each page consists of a maximum of 15 search results. Further credits can be bought in 30 page increments for a further £6 charge each time. A link has been provided to online rates of exchange  
<http://www.oanda.com/cgi-bin/ncc> although these are provided as a guide only and charges will be made at the exchange rate current at the time of the actual payment processing."

## Notice Board

**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

**Renewal of subscriptions for Round Robin magazines** - If you wish to continue being part of the round robin, please pay your sub to **John Weston, Phone 2992176.**

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**\*\*About the index \*\***

"The Scots Origins database contains fully searchable indexes of the GRO(S) index to births/baptisms and banns/marriages from the Old Parish Registers dating from 1553 to 1854, plus the indexes to births, deaths and marriages from 1855 to 1897. One additional year will be added per annum (1898,1899 etc.) to protect the privacy of living persons. An index to census records for 1891 will be provided in the near future; 1881 census data will provided later this year."

"Searching is possible on the following fields:

- Surname**
- Event type** (birth/christening, marriage, death)
- Sex**
- Forename** (or first initial)
- Year of registration** (or range of years)
- Age** (or age range) - deaths only
- Registration District** (Statutory Index)
- County** (Old Parish Register)"

"Searching is also possible on other names which are mentioned within a particular record. This includes spouse's name, father's name, mother's name and mother's maiden surname, depending on the entry."

**\*\*Extract Ordering \*\***

"An extract is a transcription of all the information held as an entry in the original records held by GRO(S). Entries themselves often contain additional information that is not held within the indexes and can be of historical interest. Extracts of the original entries in the GRO(S) records can be ordered directly from the database. Extract orders are processed by GRO(S) and sent via ordinary mail as paper documents. For details of what extracts are and what they look like click here. The cost of each extract is £10. Extracts of entries not accessible via the online database (that is those which are less than one hundred years old) can be ordered directly from the GRO(S) website by printing off a form and either faxing or mailing it.

For further details about the GRO(S), visit their website.

<http://www.open.gov.uk/gros/groshome.htm> "

**Web Sites**

**New Zealand Society of Genealogists Web Page:** <http://homepages.ihug.co.nz/~nzsg/>

**Scottish Origins Demo Database**

<http://www.origins.net/GRO/>

**Scottish Origins Web Site**

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**International Exchange Rates:**

<http://www.oanda.com/cgi-bin/ncc>

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**Open Research Day**

**11-12 July 1998**

**Topics: England, Wales, General Research**

**School Project Database Help Needed!**

John Glover needs up to ten helpers from those with time and use of a computer. The work is VERY simple. Please phone John Glover on 2984936 after 1st May.

**1998 Calendar**

**June 24:** Cafe Evening - Topic, Recent Discoveries

**July 11-12th:** Open research Weekend, on England and Wales

**July 22:** Ken Scadden of Wellington maritime Museum on "Immigration Records - Sources for genealogists"

**August 26:** John Weston and Kay Carter - completed research projects

**September 23:** Pauline Neale, following from April 1997 with "My Dear Fanny, Part 2"

**October 28:** AGM, plus Angela Finnerty of Palmerston North on "Convicts in Australia"

**November 25:** End of year HIJINX...

**Treasurer Reports:**

The collection take at March meeting for National Archives Fighting Fund was \$40.60. The proceeds of the raffle of map of London at March meeting was \$18.50. Thank you to all who contributed.

John Weston, Treasurer

**Snippets**

**Scottish Interest Group:** Elizabeth Fisher informs us that a Wellington Outpost of the Scottish Interest Group is forming in Wellington. The first meeting is to be held 29th April at 7.30pm at the Johnsonville Community Centre. Elizabeth's phone number is 04-4781443. She is also agent for the Dumfries and Galloway Society.

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

**Early 20th Century Calamities**

Two major events occurring early this century probably affected your families. One was "**The Great War**", **World War I**—and the other was the **Spanish Flu**. The latter, a pandemic disease in 1918-1920, affected 20 percent of the world's population, killing far more than the war did. It immobilized the armed forces, with more than 60 percent of the deaths in the U.S. Army in 1918 being attributed to the flu. Official estimates of flu deaths worldwide are 27 million. The total number of WWI deaths is estimated to be at least six million, but probably is higher.

"**The Great War: A Guide to the Service Records of All the World's Fighting Men and Volunteers**," by Christina K. Schaefer, is a recently published 204-page book that provides a guide to WWI service records for soldiers of all countries that participated in this conflict. The first part of the book provides background on the organization of the military in 1914, the order of battle, how to use the records and a general timeline of events, 1914-18. The second part concentrates on the combatants, describing each country's armed forces, conscription history and military and naval records, and their location. Those that have been microfilmed are available through the Family History Library system and are identified by roll number. "The Great War" is available (US \$26 postpaid) from the publisher, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD, USA 21202-3897, Phone (800) 296-6687.