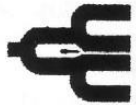


# Kapiti Branch N.Z.S.G.

May 1998



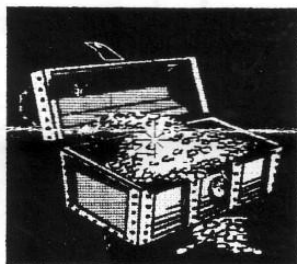
**New Zealand  
Society  
of  
Genealogists,  
Kapiti Branch  
P O Box 6,  
Paraparaumu.**

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

Have you brought your wallet & cheque book tonight? Val & Kevin Mills of Johnsonville & Meryl & John Sneddon of Levin Have brought their collections of **postcards, coins & memorabilia** which they have for sale. Each will give a short overview of their collections. We also have a selection of books from **Bookstacks, Raumati Village.**



**Supper Duties:** To assist our Committee, we are asking members to please assist with suppers, particularly the

serving & washing up.

**May, A - B  
June, C - D**

**April Meeting:** Margaret Hurst of the **National Library** told us about the Library's genealogy holdings. The collection began in 1993 and now has over 2000 titles. Margaret donated a copy of the catalogue to our library, along with brochures. Some records of interest are an Index to British Parliamentary Papers on CD-ROM, NZ BDMs to 1990, South Australian births 1842 to 1906, Melbourne Argus BDMs 1846 to 1866, and Passengers Victoria to NZ 1852-60.

**June Meeting:** This will be a Café Meeting, with cuppa and nibbles served at tables, while we discuss our **Recent Discoveries.** Bring your new information to share with us.

## Kapiti Branch 1998 Committee

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## From The Family History Bookshelf

**Griffiths Valuation:** The Griffith' Valuation of Ireland was an undertaking in the late 1840's and early 1850's and was done as a primary valuation of land and structures on the land. In the valuation records you find the name of the landlord and the renter as well as a description of the property and its taxable income.

Today Griffith's is used primarily as a census substitute given the loss of Irish Census records due to fire and other means of destruction. It does not give you the actual makeup of the family, but it does give you the possibility of locating the townland that your family came from, as well as possibly finding other people with the same surname nearby, who might be related.

Griffith's also provides a Householder's Surname Index to both Griffith's and the Tithes that can be used to track the incidence of your surname and on occasion this can locate possible place where your ancestor lived. It also can form the basis for further searches of land records at the Valuation Dept., Dublin. There you can track the possession of land from about 1853 until early 1930s through valuations. It provides also the name of Landowner and the records of large estates can be accessed through National Library.

Dunedin NZGS, May 1998

## 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.**

**Branch News**

**Kapiti Genealogy Computer Group:**

The Kapiti GCG is a special interest group of the NZSG Genealogy Computer Group.

Our objective is to help Genealogists develop skill in the use of the computer for genealogy. Although we are able to assist in general computer skills, and advice on the type of computer you may need, our emphasis is on genealogy aspects.

Our group meets the second Monday of each month in the Masonic Lodge hall at 7.30 pm. There is a \$2 per meeting charge to cover hall hire and production of our monthly newsletter, or an annual subscription of \$15 per individual [\$20/couple]

This year we are demonstrating the most popular computer programs for handling your family data, and we try to have regular Internet and Bulletin Board sessions.

Next meeting is Monday June 8 when Brian Mountjoy will be showing how to get your LDS data into a database for sorting. All welcome!



**New holdings:**

**Microfiche and CD-Rom Library:**

- \* CD-Rom Index to Griffith's Valuation of Ireland 1848 - 1864
- \* Kapiti Branch Microfiche Holdings List available at Sales Table for 30c each

Contact Barbara Tunley, Ph2986531

**Book Library:**

- \* Proceedings 1998 NZSG Conference
- \* Writing your Family History
- \* Leaflets, Scottish Record Office
- \* Fencibles
- \* Rags to Riches, Parts 1 & 2
- \* Old Wellington Hotels
- \* National Library Family History Holdings

**NZSG News**

NZSG AGM voted against compulsory membership for all branch members by 394 votes. Proxy votes outnumbered attendees by 4 to 1.

National Archives court action is proceeding, a hearing scheduled for 28-9 June in the Wellington High Court.

**Kapiti Branch  
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...

**Hutt Branch NZSG  
Research Weekend**

**13-14 June,  
Pilmuir House  
Lower Hutt  
\$10 per day**

**Snippets**

**NZSG Census Index Librarian:** Jocelyn Brunton, 2/57 Youngs Rd., Papakura

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

**Central Otago Families Register:** Forms with Secretary for you to complete and forward to Alexandra.

**Porirua Family History Centre**

Have you heard about the additions to the **IGI Addendum**? There are an additional **43 million** records now on 17 CDs. Among the new records are:

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| At Sea (3155)       | Germany (5,146,007)   |
| Australia (294,109) | Ireland (250,221)     |
| Canada (587,940)    | New Zealand (97,401)  |
| Denmark (1,296,043) | Scotland (2,460,013)  |
| England (8,538,059) | Wales (329,752)       |
| France (307,000)    | World Misc. (566,212) |



Porirua FHC's hours are:

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|-----------|---------------|---------|---------------|
| Monday    | 10 am to 3 pm | Tuesday | 10 am to 9 pm |
| Wednesday | 10 am to 3 pm |         | 6 pm to 9 pm  |

Librarian: Debbie Nicholson, Ph 04-237 5412

Our patronage will assist this new FHC to open more hours and gain greater facilities.