

# Kapiti Branch N.Z.S.G.

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

Meetings held at  
Masonic Lodge  
Rooms,  
Taranua Street,  
Paraparaumu.  
4th Wednesdays  
of months  
January to  
November.  
7.30pm.

Branch Library  
opens 7.00pm.

## Important Information for Members

**Tonight's Meeting:**  
Lyanne Kendall will inform us on the NZSG Strays Collection. Hopefully you have all brought along your Family File to assist her.

**Special Meeting:**  
On Wednesday 15th June there is a special meeting in the Lower Hutt Branch's Rooms at Pilmuir House where the guest speaker from the U.S.A. will discuss new methods of breaching the brick wall - genealogically speaking.

**Group Trip**  
Your committee are planning a group trip sometime in April, possibly to Porirua and taking in the following visits:

Police Museum, Porirua  
Museum, Porirua Library  
and the Family History  
Centre.

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR  
COMMITTEE IN THIS VEN-  
TURE.**

### NEW EDITOR

Dennis Hicks is the new editor of our monthly newsletter.

If you have any items of interest please contact him at the following:

Phone - 299-6131

Fax - 299-2289

e-mail at

golden.coast@xtra.co.nz

or drop in at

42 Raumati Road.

### LIASON PERSON

The group requires a Liason Person or Persons for the "Family History Month" to be held in March 2000 which is designed to help promote Family history at this time in our area. As we are a small committee a volunteer from the members is asked for.

Please contact one of the committee members if you are interested.

### APRIL MEETING

April's speaker will be Lyanne Finnerty. Her subject is "Australian Criminals"

### *Kapiti Branch 1999 Committee*

<b>CONVENOR</b>	Rosalyn Smail	298-7395
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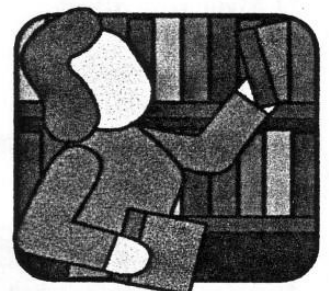
There are still a number of unpaid subscriptions due to the group. These were due to be paid last OCTOBER and are \$15-00 single and \$25-00 double.

### !!!! Notice Board !!!!

The latest list of the Groups Microfiche & CD's (from February 1998) is available from the Sales Table. Price 10 cents.

All Subs are now due for the round robin magazines, which are Scottish, Irish, Australia, Somerset and Devon.

\$5-00 per magazine. Contact John Glover, Phone 298-4936.



## Glossary of Terms

### GRO CERTIFICATES

These documents are either birth, marriage or death certificates held at the Family Records Centre in Myddleton Street.

### CENSUS RETURNS

The census is taken every ten years. The public may only see returns that are over 100 years old, so the censuses that are available for genealogists are those from 1841-91. They are held at the Family Records Centre in Myddleton Street. The returns give details of names, addresses, occupations, place and date of birth.

### IGI

The IGI is the International Genealogical Index compiled by the Mormons. It contains over 80 million British baptismal and marriage entries from parish records, which can be viewed on microfiche at county record offices, libraries and family history societies.

### PCC WILLS AND ADMINS PRE-1858

An admin is a letter of administration which was granted by the probate court to the executor of the estate in cases where no will was left. Before 1858, all wills were dealt with by ecclesiastical courts in each diocese. After 1858 they were passed to the High Court. If a testator owned property in more than one diocese, his will had to be proved in the Prerogative Court of York (PCY) or Canterbury (PCC). PCC records are held at the Family Records Centre. They also deal with people who owned property in England and Wales, but who died in Scotland, Ireland, abroad or at sea.

### The Family Records Centre,

1 Myddleton Street,

London EC1R 1UW

Tel: 0181-392-5300

Fax: 0181-392-5307

<http://www.open.gov.uk/pro/>

prohome.htm

## "NEW MEMBERS"

Are you having difficulty knowing WHERE and HOW to start your research.

Your problem could be solved.

Just leave your name on the list at the sales table. If enough are interested a tutorial will be arranged..

## "SOME CLUES for DATING PHOTOS"

- ⇒ Mens' baggy suits - 1860s
- ⇒ No crease in trousers until 1890s
- ⇒ Handlebar moustaches - 1890s
- ⇒ Boater (men & women), sailor suits (young women & children) - 1890s
- ⇒ Hobble skirts - 1910 - 1915
- ⇒ Other clues include the type of skirt, collars, styles and hairstyles.

## Storage and Handling of Photographs.

The enemies of photographs are: **People, Light & Dampness.**

### **DO NOT NEVER EVER NEVER:**

Write on the front of photographs

Overlay

Over-handle

Over-cram

Expose to artificial lights

Lay face to face

Store in wooden drawers and shelves

Store in attics, near furnaces or in other hazardous places

Store with newspaper clippings

Store negatives and photos together

Laminate

Use paper clips, pins etc.



- \* Colour photos begin to deteriorate in 6 - 10 year. Get a black & white copy made of your important photos. Slides are more stable, can last 75 - 100 years, with Kodachrome lasting longest. Polaroid prints are also good for 75 - 100 years.
- \* Pre-1950 negatives are nitrate based and are a fire hazard. They should be isolated from other negatives.
- \* Store all photographs in acid-free housing in controlled humidity. **NEVER** use those sticky type albums - they contain acid and you may not get your photos out of the album without damaging them.
- \* **DON'T** display what you want to keep. Make a copy and store the originals.  
(Reprinted from the Wairarapa Branch newsletter. Precis of a talk given by Wairarapa Archivist, Nikki Dalziell)