

Kapiti Branch N.Z.S.G.

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Meeting Information

Tonight's Meeting:

Tonight's meeting is a Special Workshop to introduce new members and help them start their Family History and for other members to continue their research.

July 28th Meeting:

This meeting there will be a talk by group member Bill Carter, called "Genealogy/ Whakapapa - There is a difference."

August 25th Meeting:

This meeting we will have a talk by Linda Evans entitled "Oral History."

September 29th Meeting:

This meeting will see another talk from Police Historian, Sherwood Young on "Guilty on the Gallows."

Special Meetings:

Hutt Valley Group at Pilmuir House, Pilmuir Road, Lower Hutt, where Jan Gow of Beehive Books, Auckland will visit with her books, maps etc on Saturday 31st July, from 10am to 3pm - cost \$5 single, \$7-50 couple.

Annual General Meeting:

Members are reminded that it will not be long to the AGM and the need for a new Committee. It has been very hard work this year with so few committee members and we ask that some of you consider helping next year. **Cont'd Page 3.**



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

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

Branch Library
opens 7.00pm.

Supper Helpers

To assist the committee,
they are asking members
to please help with sup-
per, particularly the serv-
ing & washing up.

June = A-B July = C-E

!!!! Notice Board !!!!

The latest list of the Groups Microfiche & CD's (from February 1998) is available from the sales table - Price = 10 cents.

All Subscriptions are now due for the round robin magazines, which include the Australian, Somerset and Devon all \$5-00 per magazine, Scottish, \$3-00 per magazine and Irish, \$4-00 per magazine.

Contact John Glover, telephone 902-2486.

The group requires a **Liaison Person or Persons** for the '**Family History Month**' to be held in **March 2000** and 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 in this position.

Have you changed your telephone number and/or address recently. Please advise Barbara Humpage of these changes at the sales table as soon as possible.

New address for the Genealogical Society of Victoria is - Level 6, Lumley House, 179 Queen Street, Melbourne, Australia.

NZSG Research Services.

Current prices for certificates, in NZ dollars are:

GRO Certificates	\$26-00..
Probates (Wills) pre-1858	\$17-00..
Probates 1858-1943	\$17-50..

Please note, the cost of Probates, 1858 - 1943 have risen at short notice

Australian Certs:-

New South Wales	\$25-00..
Victoria	\$21-00..
Western Australia	\$27-50..
Tasmania	\$2-00..
Queensland (with Ref No.)	\$22-00..
(without Ref No.)	\$26-50..

NZSG web page address is: <http://www.genealogy.org.nz>

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Two members have already given nine (9) years on the committee. The bigger the committee the smaller the jobs you are asked to do.

REMEMBER: NO COMMITTEE MEANS NO GENEALOGY GROUP.

EXPO REPORT:

A very successful display was held by the Genealogy and the Computer Groups this last weekend at the Heritage Council's "Home Sweet Home" Expo at Southwards Museum. There was a lot of interest which will hopefully result in some new members for both groups. The committee wishes to thank all those who gave up their valuable time to man the stalls and hope that all those who came to visit enjoyed all the displays around the hall.

BACK TO THE BASICS

The Basics:

IGI means International Genealogical Index. It is compiled by the Latter Day Saints Church (LDS) mainly from transcribed church registers and from church member submissions. The 1988 edition on microfiche is in our microfiche library and the latest edition is at the National Library on CD Rom. The entries are organised in country, county and alphabetically by surname. There is a booklet in our library about the IGI.

Mariners Index Worldwide <http://www.standard.net.au/~jwilliams/mariners/htm>
NSW Assisted Immigrants 1844 - 1859 <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/>

Then "search this site" Assisted immigrants, Search, Immigrant Index 1844
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Quaker Dates: Reprinted from a Hutt Valley Branch Magazine article.

Quakers did not believe in the use of the normal month names, since they were named after pagan gods, preferring to use the term "first month" etc.

However, before 1752, in England, they referred to March as "first month" and so on, February being "twelfth month" under the Julian calendar then in force. Similarly, Quakers used "first day" for Sunday, and so on. Thus an entry in a Quaker register saying "15th day of ye 5 month 1687" (or sometimes in the form "15.5mo. 1687") refers to 15th July 1687.

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Obviously, Quaker registers can be a trap for the unwary searcher. Some genealogists have been especially puzzled when referring to an original Quaker register from the IGI or County Marriage Index, and have been quite unable to find an entry because the index has rectified the date. The names of the months from September to December were often rendered in Quaker registers (and occasionally elsewhere) as 7ber to 10ber before 1752. After 1752 the use of these was stopped, as they were no longer truthful under the new official (Gregorian) calendar. Modern Quakers and transcribers of Quaker records often use Roman Numerals to denote the month, thus 4 February 1988 becomes 4.ii.1988.

The meaning of the word Quaker (from the Oxford Dictionary) is: member of the Society of Friends (a Christian sect with no written creed or ordained ministers).

Speaker's Reports by Sue Greene

Anthony Camp at Palmerston North.

Anthony Camp was interesting for me as he was talking about Agricultural Labourers, which most of my family fit into.

He based his talk around a family of labourers and explained what research material he had used to find them.

Records such as, rate books, manorial records, window tax and hearth tax.

Though I enjoyed listening to him I felt a little disheartened as most of the records he mentioned I had looked for in the area's I am researching, but sadly a lot of these records no longer survive or have not been filmed by the Mormon's, he did not give me any information that I did not know or had tried, but for those embarking on a new line of research who are now past civil registration and can no longer find their ancestors on parish registers I suggest you look at the Family History Library Catalogue the next time you are at the LDS you just may be lucky enough to discover some of these records have survived and have been filmed.

Janice Cloud at Lower Hutt.

For those who remember the weather on Tuesday evening the 14th, yes I drove to the Hutt in that storm to listen to Jan Cloud. She is a fascinating lady to listen to and has you captivated.

Once again I did not learn anything I did not already know, she like us has to rely on the IGI and what the Mormon's have filmed, though she does go to England and do research.

Jan talked about finding those ancestors that don't want to be found and based her talk around trying to find someone with the surname of Brown or Smith, and though she proved it can be done it all comes down to a lot of hard work and I think luck has a big part to play also.

If both these speakers come to these parts of our shores again I would suggest you go along as I found them both very interesting and have inspired me not to give up on my most difficult research.

Next month there will be a report by Deborah Shuker on the Anthony Camp talk at Wellington.