

# Kapiti Branch N.Z.S.G.

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## Meeting Information

### Tonight's 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.

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.**



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.

July = C-E Aug = F - G

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

**T**he latest list of the Groups Microfiche & CD's (from February 1998) is available from the sales table - Price = 10 cents.

**A**ll 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.

**T**he 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.

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

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

**N**ZSG 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>

## LOST BOOK

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This book was taken from the Computer Groups Display at the Expo on 19/20 June 1999. The title is "AYRSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY" Journal No 1 (first issue). The book is A5 size and Beige colour. If you have any information regarding this lost journal **PLEASE** contact Kay Carter urgently.

You are all invited to attend a Meeting at the Kapiti Library on Wednesday 4th August 1999, from 10am to 12 noon. The subject is "NZ History and Genealogy". Staff from the Turnbull and National Libraries will be present.

The Kapiti Library has a large and informative book on Irish Research titled "Irish Records for Family History Research" by James G. Ryan. Published 1997.

### BACK TO THE BASICS

Names as registered on BDM.

Registrations of marriages & deaths do not always use the first names registered at the person's birth. Informants often give the known or used name, sometimes never having known the original. (e.g. Inspector Morse on the TV show).

Some common usages to check for as an unintentional alias:-

Jessie, Janet.

Anne, Agnus, Hannah, Joanna.

Jane, Jean, Jinny.

Elizabeth, Betty, Elspeth, Lizzie, Beth, Bessie.

Mary, Minnie, Molly, May or Polly.

Sarah, Sally.

John, Jack.

Helen, Nell, Ellen, Eleanor

Richard, Dick.

Alex, Sandy, Lex.

Frances, Fanny.

Margaret, Maggie, Meg, Daisy.

Francis, Frank.

In our Group Library there are several plastic envelopes containing Genealogy Newsletters from around NZ. These are available for borrowing and are useful for those researching other parts of the country.

Have **YOU** returned your form with your research interests to Barbara yet?

If not please get a form tonight and hand it in **NOW** so that an index can be made for everyone's benefit.

**CONGRATULATIONS** are extended to Kay Carter for winning the "Kevin McAnulty Award" at the NZSG Annual Meeting. The title of her prize winning book was "Fishers of Pukerimu" Sons and Daughters of the Land 1700 to 2000.



**Anthony Camp**  
**"Occupations in Towns"**  
**National Library Jun 1999**

Copies of the four-page bibliography on which Mr Camp based his talk had not arrived. This made it more difficult to take in all the information he gave, but they will be sent on. Some interesting facts:

Between 1630 and 1800, 10% of the population lived in London.

In 1852 the average age of death in London was 29.4 years. This low age was caused by the high number of infant deaths and the living conditions in the city. In rural Wiltshire it was 41yrs and 16 years in industrial Dudley.

10% of Londoners were Non Conformists i.e. not Church of England. Tradesmen advertised in directories and newspapers when they moved.

Liverpool Freeman records show many ex Waterford and Wexford, Ireland.

A Poll book is a list of people who voted

Guild records and Apprentice records are a valuable source of information. Often have family details.

The Guild Company you belong to is based on your Freeman status not necessarily your occupation. e.g. If you are a freeman because you were born in London a son of a butcher, you join the butcher guild even though you are a jeweller.

A shop usually means a workshop, from which you may also sell.

Quarter sessions have Publican licences, Brower licences from 1750's onwards. Innkeeper records show the Inn sign and have the names of two sureties.

Public Office employment records are usually still existing to some degree, at the PRO.

Confirmation Certificate from the C of E shows the place of residence and referees.

The National Register of Archives is on the Internet.

Firemen records usually give father's name and where applicant from. Rates books for different towns show both the owner and the occupier's names.

"Town Records" and "Village Records" books by John West are good explanatory books. (Both in Kapiti Library)

Report submitted by Debra Schuker.