

Kapiti Branch N.Z.S.G.

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Meeting Information

Tonight's 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."

Annual General Meeting:

OCTOBER 27TH, 1999.

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.

LAST MEETING OF 1999 WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER.

Only 23 forms have been returned so far of the **"INTERESTS OF GROUP MEMBERS"**
The index so far can be viewed at the Help Desk.

Please Please Please Please Please

Return your forms ASAP to Barbara or Val.



**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 supper, particularly the serving & washing up.

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!!!! 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>

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- ⇒ “Battle of Waterloo Army Records” Database of about 25,000 or so British Soldiers. Further information and/or search to Mr David Milner, School House, 45 Selworthy Road, Weston Super Mare, BS23 3ST. England.
- ⇒ “Bound for Canterbury 2000” NZSG Conference next year is to be held at St. Andrews College, Christchurch from April 13 to 16. Anyone interested see your National Magazine.
- ⇒ “Civil Registration Districts for Scotland.” Scotland GRO offers a search service of Births & Marriages 1553 - 1897 and Deaths 1855 - 1897. Information can be downloaded and viewed at 6 bps, per 30 computer screen pages of Index Data. The homepage offers info on (<http://www.open.gov.uk/gros/groshome.htm>); for Index search use (<http://www.origins.net/GRO/>)
- ⇒ “19th Century London” Victorian London lists of cemeteries, taverns, churches etc. Also street index with info from sources such as 1871, 1881 census and 1862 Genealogical Gazetteer of London. Try them on (<http://www.gendocs.demon.co.UK/Victorian.html>)
- ⇒ “Boer War Centenary” Descendants of Soldiers, Nurses and others who served in the Boer War are being sought to help mark, in October, the centenary of the South African Conflict. The Dept. of Internal Affairs Heritage Group says that 25 local authorities are hosting functions. In Wellington, the departure of the First Contingent will be re-enacted with a march from **Ben Burn Park, Karori** to **Queens Wharf** on Oct. 21st. A conference on the Boer War will also be held in Wellington on Oct 22-24. Descendants of those involved in the War, PLEASE contact Pamela Flemming at Internal Affairs (04) 384-6417.
- ⇒ Valerie Ellis of Canterbury, England is looking for help with research for a project/study of “Travellers from Australia and New Zealand whose visits to Britain have been **MAINLY** for the purpose of Family History”. A set of general questions has been prepared for people who have travelled for the above purpose. Please contact a Committee member if you feel you could help.
- ⇒ “Excellent Reference Books” Two excellent reference books on “Tracing Family History” by Anne Bromell are available on special from NZSG at a cost of \$25-00 each. See your July/August National Magazine.
- ⇒ Following the interesting talk and slide show, at the Paraparaumu Library by 2 Reps. of the National and Turnbull Libraries, on Aug. 4th, we now have a Reference File (Black) on the Help Desk of the “**Present Holdings in the Family History Collection of the National Library**”. They have also donated an up to date (August 1999) copy of all the “**Research Holdings of National Library**”. A lot of material is not on display but may be requested. This list will enable you to check if your source of interest is there. **Available for reference on the Help Desk.**

"RESEARCH HELP OFFERED TO MEMBERS"

"RAF BOMBER COMMAND LOSSES 1939-1945"

by W.R.Chorley

The full set of 6 volumes is held by me, totalling some 2000 pages, giving details of each individual aircraft lost during World War 2 (over 10,000 aircraft). Included for each loss are usually: Date, time, and place of take-off, Squadron Number, aircraft type & registration number, target destination, all crew-members - surname & initials, rank, and fate (e.g. killed, injured, evaded, POW), together with a brief narrative of the fate of the plane itself. If the crew-member is non-RAF (e.g. PAF = Polish AirForce, or, RNZAF, this is indicated).

Some 65000 crew-members are named.

The books are a record of PLANE losses, rather than of PERSONNEL losses.

Therefore entries are in strict chronological order of the date of take-off, and there is NO ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF CREW-MEMBERS.

Kapiti Branch members seeking a look-up of a particular plane or person, are invited to phone me for details, and must be able to supply the surname & initials of the crew-member they are interested in, together with the date of loss accurate to within a month or two (e.g. Mar/Apr 1943) as otherwise the task of searching would be far too great. None of the "Smith, initials unknown, sometime in 1943 or 1944" type of enquiry, please.

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BACK TO THE BASICS

NZ BDM's

For the maximum information (and least cost) inspection copies of registrations are best. Supply the event type, name(s), year and ref. number from the indexes to Births Deaths & Marriages to Central Registry, P.O. Box 31-115, Lower Hutt. A cert. costs \$18 and an inspection copy \$9. If you want to charge to Visa the minimum order is \$18 and the order can be faxed to 04-566-5311. An inspection copy is a photocopy of the entry.

Information in registers, but **NOT** on certificates:

Births: The informant's name, any addition or alteration to the first name registered at a later date. From 1876 the date and place of parent's marriage. From 1916 the previous issue of the couple.

Deaths: Informant's name and address, name of officiating minister and religious denomination.

Marriages: Names, addresses and occupations of the witnesses, name celebrant and religious denomination.