

# Kapiti Branch N.Z.S.G.

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## Meeting Information

### Tonight's Meeting:

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

### Annual General Meeting:

**OCTOBER 27TH, 1999.**

Make sure you pick up a **NOMINATION FORM** either for yourself or someone else you know that would want to serve on the committee before you leave the hall tonight.

There is a desperate need for new members on the committee this year.

### **REMEMBER: NO COMMITTEE MEANS NO GENEALOGY GROUP.**

The guest speaker at this meeting will be our own Sue Greene from Otaki.

Her chosen subject will be "What is on Certificates". Our pre-arranged speaker is unable to attend and Sue has kindly agreed to help us out.

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

#### **"OTAKI GROUP 10TH BIRTHDAY"**

The Otaki Group celebrate their 10th Birthday on 21st October 1999.

Contact Sue Greene on (06) 364-8196

If you are interested in attending..



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 !!!!**

**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. Ideas for publicity are, displays at Coastlands and the District Libraries. **!!!!Please contact one of the committee members if you would like to help out!!!!**

**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>

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

- ⇒ Porirua Library Family History Corner are asking for **VOLUNTEERS** to help staff the desk. They need people to help at least once a fortnight, more if possible. A chance for you to do some of your own research. If you can help them out then please telephone (04) 237-1537, or write to P.O. Box 50218, Porirua or you can Email them at [mross@pcc.govt.nz](mailto:mross@pcc.govt.nz)
- ⇒ The Scottish Interest Group of the NZSG meets at the Community Centre, cnr Moorefield Road, Johnsonville. The next research Evening will be on the 17th November 1999 at 7-30 pm. Entry cost \$2. This is a change of the previously announced date. More information Contact Elizabeth Fisher on (04) 478-1443.
- ⇒ **RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE**  
The NZSG have organised a Raffle to help with the costs for the "**SCHOOL RECORDS and other PROJECTS**". We have a number of books to sell by our **OCTOBER MEETING**. Tickets are \$2 each - book of 5 for \$10. Travel Prizes. We are very much in need of your help of all our **GROUP MEMBERS** if we are to do our share so please see Barbara before you leave tonight to collect your books to sell or to buy .
- ⇒ Please add the following to your list of group holdings:-
- 1) "Aliens Naturalised in New Zealand" (book)
  - 2) "Vol. 1. Stories of New Zealand Airmen" 1915 - 1942 (mf)
  - 3) "Auckland Diocesan Catholic Archives" (mf)
  - 4) "Lewis 1845 Topographical Index of UK place names" (mf)
  - 5) "G.R.D. 1999" (book)
- ⇒ "**GORDON 2000 REUNION**" 3rd to 6th August 2000 at Huntly. For further information contact the convenor - Michael Fraser Milne, "Kinnairdy" Coal-track Road, R.D. 1, Christchurch.
- ⇒ Imelda Lowe of Ballymartin, Pallaskenry, County Limerick, Ireland, seeks information on her father "Thomas Hickey", who immigrated to New Zealand about 1912 and worked in Wellington, along with any other relatives in NZ.

### "NEW ZEALAND SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS"

Heather Miller, NZSG #9964, has started a collection of New Zealand School Photographs prior to 1920. She would like members to send suitable photos to her, to copy and add to her index.

She will eventually make them available to members at a small cost. Heather also hopes to be able to identify old school photos for members.

Contact Heather at: 145 Motatau Rd, Papatoetoe 1701, Auckland.

Telephone (09) 278-5366 **OR** Email - [heather.miller@xtra.co.nz](mailto:heather.miller@xtra.co.nz)

## **BITS & PIECES**

**"A Comedy of Errors" by Mike Foster**

This book, examining the origins and systems of the England & Wales GRO Marriage Records, was featured in the 11/98 Kapiti Branch news-sheet.

A few copies are still available (at \$15 each) in person from:

Derek Griffis, 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae (phone: 04-293-1092).

There are a lot of books, maps, folders etc in our Group Library which are being under-utilised.

Please borrow and keep it going, as if they are not used by members then the numbers may be severely reduced, as its the old case of "use it or lose it".

Don't forget our large collection of Microfiche and CD's available for hire also.

A Microfiche Reader is also available. Please contact Barbara Tunley at 4 Chums Road, Paraparaumu Beach. Telephone 04-298-6531.

Barbara & Val man the table at the Recent Expo.



In the seventeenth century, the practice of giving more than one Christian name to a child was practically non-existent in England. The midwife was bound to baptise the child at once, if there was any danger of its dying before a priest could be fetched. If, contrary to expectation, the child eventually lived, the sacrament could not be repeated. The midwife was solemnly sworn (her oath is given in Strype's Annals, vol.I p. 537) to the due performance of her office, and the curates were enjoined "to instruct midwives openly in the church in the very words and form of baptism, to the intent that they may use them perfectly and none other." Midwives had to be licensed by the bishop; and to obtain a licence, the woman had to be recommended by matrons who knew her skill, and also by the parish minister, who was to certify as to her life and conversation, and that she was a member of the Church of England. By her oath she was sworn to be "diligent, faithful and ready to help every woman travailing of child, as well the poor as the rich and not to forsake the poor woman and leave her to go to the rich" and she also swore she would "in no way exercise any manner of witchcraft, charms, sorcery, or invocation."