

Kapiti Branch N.Z.S.G.

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Meeting Information

LAST MEETING OF 1999 IS TONIGHT!!!

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The Committee wishes all members and their families a very merry Christmas and happy, safe and prosperous New Year



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.

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.

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. 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!!!!

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:

ENGLISH CERTIFICATES AND PROBATES

GRO Certificates	\$25-50..
Probates (Wills) pre-1858	\$16-00..
Probates 1858-1943	\$16-50..

AUSTRALIAN CERTIFICATES

New South Wales	\$25-50..
Victoria	\$22-00..
Western Australia	\$21-80..
Tasmania	\$2-00..
Queensland (with Ref No.)	\$22-50..
(without Ref No.)	\$27-50..

A stamped addressed envelope must be included with all requests.

Exert taken from the Reverend Henry Nussey's Journal in 1832.

Birstall Sunday School Feast:

Friday 24 August— Today the Church Sunday School Festival was celebrated. The ladies and gentlemen connected with the school, the teachers and children, met in the school at half past one. A hymn was sung and prayers were read by the Vicar, after which the prizes in books were distributed. to the Church where there was singing and an W. Heald junior to parents, teachers and then walked round the village and returned to they sung in the school yard, and after this all regaled, the girls with buns and tea, the boys and porter. These were afterwards dismissed gentlemen sat down with the female teachers teachers having had beer and porter, etc. At per was introduced, consisting of the Old English cheer, roast beef, plum-pudding and good beer, to which from 80 to 100 sat down. The day concluded with music and dancing.



All then proceeded address from Mr scholars. They the school, where the scholars were with buns, beer and the ladies and to tea, the male eight o'clock sup-

Mr White, who was interested in the manufacture of SHODDY, visited Batley in the 1850's and wrote the following:

On alighting at the station, the sight of great packets or bales piled up in stacks, or laden on trucks, every bale branded 'ANVERS'; and casks of oil from Sevila, gave me at once proof that I had come to the right place; for here were rags shipped at Antwerp from all parts of northern Europe. Think of that. Hither were brought tatters from pediculous Poland from the gypsies of Hungary, from the beggars and scarecrows of Germany, from the frowsy peasants of Muscovey; to say nothing of the snips and shreds of monks' gowns and lawyers' robes, from postilions' jackets and soldiers' uniforms, from maidens' bodices, and noblemens' cloaks. A vast medley, truly! And all to be manufactured into broadcloth on Yorkshire. The walk into town gives you such a view as can only be seen in a manufacturing district: hills, fields, meadows and rough slopes, all bestrewn with cottages, factories, warehouses, sheds, clouded here and there by smoke; roads and paths wandering apparently any where; here and there a quarry, and piles of squared stone; heaps of refuse; wheat-fields among the houses; potato-plots in little levels; and everything giving you the impression of waiting to be finished. Add to all this, troops of men and woman, boys and girls — the girls with a kerchief pinned over the head, the corners hanging behind — going home to dinner; and a mighty noise of clogs; and trucks laden with rags and barrels of oil; and you will have an idea of Batley as I saw it on my arrival.



Genealogists Christmas Wish

Dear Santa,
Don't bring me new dishes;
I don't need a new kind of game.



Genealogists have peculiar wishes;
For Christmas I just want a surname.
A new washing machine would be great;
but it's not the desire of

my life.

I've found an ancestor's birth date;
I need now the name of his wife.
My heart doesn't yearn for a ring;
That would put a real diamond to shame.
What I want is a much cheaper thing;
Please give me Mary's last name.
To see my heart singing with joy;
Don't bring me a red leather suitcase.
Bring me a genealogist's toy;
A surname, with dates and a place."

New Library Books Available

"Irish Family History Research on the Internet" by the Irish Interest Group of the N.Z.S.G. July 1999

"Eastern Sussex Settlement Certificates 1670—1832" - by M J Burchall

"Eastern Sussex Workhouse Census 1851" - by M J Burchall

"Sussex Hearth Tax Assessments 1662" Book 1 & 2.

From Beehive Books

(your one stop - Genealogy Shop)

They have put out a CD with over 60 items of demo's, freeware & shareware. Lists the CD's and brochures for the programs.

Cost of CD is \$12-00 in stamps with SAE or \$15-00 if charged to a Credit Card and they pay the postage.

Could be Interesting???

DID YOU KNOW?.....

That except for the 1841 Census, Scottish Census Returns are the day **AFTER** the English ones?

Your ancestors just might be in both the English Census and the Scottish Census for the same year - if he was traveling between the two! The reason for the different dates is that Scotland would not hold their Census on the Sabbath, so it had to be on the Monday instead.

And ... Did You Know???

Section 14 of the Birth and Death Registration Act gave the Registrar General the power to register the birth of any person born in New Zealand whose birth has not been previously registered in New Zealand. It provides for late registration. This helps to solve some problems.

Still-born Children—it was from the 1 March 1913 that it became compulsory to register still-born births, but death registration was not required. In 1907 it became a requirement for a doctor or midwife in attendance at the birth to notify the local register. Before this date many births were not registered; the death was registered but not the birth.

(from Palmerston North Newsletter)



The Committee welcomes you back on "26 JANUARY 2000" to the first meeting of the new Millennium.