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Meetings held at Masonic Lodge Rooms,
Tararua Street, Paraparaumu
4th Wednesdays of months January to November at 7.30 pm
February 2002

AT LAST! This is the first issue of our new format, designed for our e-mail members. It will be sent in both MS Works and DOS. Would e-mail subscribers please let us know which they can access

PROGRAMME

Feb 27th Duncan Balmer, author of "The Whole Earth is the Tombs of the English People"
Mar 27th To be advised **Apr 24th** Workshop evening

NOTICES

SUBS ARE DUE! Still \$15 single & \$25 double NEW MEMBERS Valerie & Harry GILGRIST, Jan GRIFFIN & Fran KELL

GARAGE SALE. The proposed garage sale that we had hoped to hold in March 2002 has been postponed for another month. More donations are needed and if you can help in any way please advise any Committee member. More details later

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Supper Helpers

To assist the Committee, will members please help with supper duties, particularly the serving and washing up

FebS-T MarW-A ##### THE NEW OFFICE OPENS

Well, the best laid schemes of mice and men! The Official Opening of the new New Zealand Society of Genealogists was due to take place in Auckland on 22nd February 2002 by the Governor-General, Dame Sylvia Cartwright, but, as she welcomed the Queen that day, she has had to defer this undertaking. However, the NZSG held an unofficial opening on that day (it will be all over by the time you get this) and members are invited to look around the new premises anyway. The Official Opening will take place at a later date to be advised.

THE NEW ZEALAND REGISTRY OFFICE (BDM)

It was a big shock to learn of the increased prices for an "inspection only" copy of Birth, Death or Marriage Certificates last October, jumping from \$9 to \$30, which is now the cost of all Certificates. For those of you who are members of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, the November/December 2001 issue of *"The New Zealand Genealogist"* gave a great deal of information on alternative sources on what is available to members through the various NZSG services as well as other sources outside NZSG, such as newspapers and church records. It strongly suggests that all members should boycott the BDM records, and calls on them to add to the NZSG files by sending copies of their Certificates, (not all of which refer to their own research, as we know that sometimes we get copies that don't "belong") that may help someone else. Who knows, you might possibly find another link to your own chain in doing this!

A CAUTIONARY TALE

Although genealogy programs for PCs were not available, even in Eric Linklater's own lifetime (he died in 1978), they are today and such a (literally) fatal outcome could be avoided!

From the autobiography of Eric Linklater "The Man on My Back" (1941):

"Great-grandmother Dodd had a first-cousin called Boys who, having been a civil engineer, retired in middle life and devoted his remaining energy to the discovering of his ancestors. He laboured long, and finally - except for a worrying lacuna during the War of the Roses - he succeeded in tracing his descent from the Countess Judith, a niece of William the Conqueror; and then disaster fell upon him. He got a new housekeeper, a tidy woman, and while he was away from home searching in graveyard and parish register for the innominate Boys who should fill up the hole in his argument, she made a fine spring-cleaning in his house. He came back to find that she had burnt all his papers; and a little while later he died of a broken heart."

Well? Wouldn't you? Seems to me to be a good argument for keeping your genealogy data on computer (properly backed-up, of course!)

(Thanks to George Watson for this story)

CALLING ALL WELLINGTONIANS, PAST OR PRESENT. You may have noticed in "Contact" of 7th February 2002 that David McGill, author, is gathering relevant material for a social history of that city. Anyone with anecdotes, photographs etc is invited to contact him at 16 Derwent Street, Island Bay, Wellington, Phone 383 9717 or E-mail: dkmcgill@@xtra.co.nz

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GLADIS

Archives New Zealand is moving away from its traditional paper-based finding aids and into the 21st century, with the launch of an automated documentation system called GLADIS (Government Locator Archival Documentation and Information System). It will be built over the next five years and will cost \$7.6 million.

GLADIS will complement the recently commissioned ELMS (Electronic List Management System) and will also provide the documentation base needed to support interdependencies between Archives and agency systems in the creation and management of electronic records.

Outreach, Newsletter of Archives New Zealand Spring 2001 via Wellington Branch Newsletter