

KAPITI BRANCH N.Z.S.G.
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Meetings held at Masonic Lodge Rooms,
Tararua Street, Paraparaumu
4th Wednesdays of months January to November at 7.30 pm
July 2002

PROGRAMME

Jul 24th Keith Griffiths on Adoption
Aug 28th Pauline Neale - "My Dear Fanny" Part 1 (a repeat from some years ago)
Sept 23rd Lady Teviot from England is an authority on genealogy and is visiting NZ.
She has a wide range of subjects on which to speak. We have chosen "Parish Chest"
(Please note that this meeting is on the Monday prior to our normal evening and
will be instead of usual date!)

NOTICES

HOROWHENUA REGISTER The Levin Genealogy Branch has launched their Pioneer Family Project to record people living in the area prior to 1940. If any of our Members have ancestors in this category they are asked to contact Mrs. Gloy Deadman, 59 Liverpool Street, Levin 5500. (Your Editor is holding a few of their forms)

THE NEW KAPITI PUBLIC LIBRARY. You will be aware that the new library building is underway, and due to be opened by the end of this year. What you might not know is that some of our Committee members have been involved in the planning as both our Genealogy Branch and the Kapiti Genealogy Computer Group expect to have space there. A room downstairs will be used for meetings, but our genealogy library, including microfiche, will be kept on the mezzanine floor where we will have a locked cupboard and, therefore, not available at meetings. However they would be accessible during the Public Library hours. Not all our records will be available to non-members, and some will be reference only, to be read on the spot. So we will be looking for volunteers to help out - details to be decided nearer the time. It would be a chance to do some of your own research.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES Our Treasurer, Shirley, would like to have any new members E-mail addresses. As you know we are sending out newsletters out via this medium wherever possible.

ARCHIVES & RECORDS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND is holding its annual Conference in Palmerston North on 23-24th August 2002. Subjects covered are:- Australian University Archives, New Zealand University Archives; Knowledge Management in Local Government; Special Interest Groups (religious, museums, schools, business, local & central government); School Archives. Your Committee is holding a few Registration forms.

SUPPER HELPERS

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

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A TREAT IN STORE

We have been fortunate in being able to book Lady Teviot to be our September speaker, during her visit to New Zealand, as she is only over here for a very short time. She comes from Sussex in England and has been involved with Family History Research for thirty years, specializing in Probate Research. With her husband she has compiled the Sussex Burial Index, covering the years 1813 to 1841. Lady Teviot has held several positions in the Federation of Family History Societies and is widely known in many parts of the world for her lectures on many aspects of genealogy, such as Census Returns, Wills, Parish Registers, Medical Conditions in the 19th Century to name a few.

When the opportunity of inviting Lady Teviot to Kapiti occurred, we found she had a tight schedule to meet, and could only offer us the evening of Monday, 23rd September, two days before our normal meeting. John canvassed several members, who were happy to change from the Wednesday so we have booked the hall for that night. **This meeting is instead of Wednesday, 25th September, so please note it in your diaries.**

HUTT VALLEY/WELLINGTON BRANCHES RESEARCH WEEKEND, 29-30 June

This was a very full weekend, with talks on a variety of subjects relating to genealogy. As one should always start at the beginning, the first speaker explained procedures for those newcomers to genealogy: collect certificates, check family traditions and verify them. Go back to the original source. The next speaker talked about the National Archives, the National Library and the Alexander Turnbull Library. Another spoke on checking details on Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates (they are only as good as the supplier of the information). Then came a talk on "Gavel & Quill", Court Records and Probates. Family skeletons might be raised through the Police Gazettes or in newspapers. One speaker talked of his research into his wife's Swiss forebears and the thrill they got in going to the area where they came from - one interesting thing about the records was that in the 1700s they were in French while in the next century they were in Latin! Another section was on Irish Roots, while the final speaker talked of the NZSG library index now on computer and available through the Internet. In the other room were the microfiches and readers for NZ BDM and St. Catherine records, Jan Gow had books for sale, someone else displayed things military, while in another corner there were gazetteers where we could look up remote villages tied in with our research. Altogether a most interesting weekend.

A TACTFULLY TOLD TALE

The Smiths were proud of their family tradition. Their ancestors had come to America on the Mayflower. They had included Senators and Wall Street wizards.

They decided to compile a family history, a legacy for their children and grandchildren. They hired a fine author. Only one problem arose - how to handle that great-uncle George, who was executed in the electric chair. The author said he could handle the story tactfully.

The book appeared: It said "Great-Uncle George occupied a chair of applied electronics at an important government institution, was attached to his position by the strongest of ties, and his death came as a great shock."

Thanks to Geroge Watson finding it in the Legacy Newsletter

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