

**KAPITI BRANCH N.Z.S.G.**  
**New Zealand Society of Genealogists**  
**P.O. Box 6, Paraparaumu**

Meetings held at Masonic Lodge Rooms,  
Taranua Street, Paraparaumu  
4th Wednesdays of months January to November at 7.30 p.m.  
**July 2001**

**PROGRAMME**

- July 25<sup>th</sup> Nursing history in New Zealand-  
ry in New Zealan Causes of  
Death on Death Cert.- Jean Bryson
- Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> Beginner's night Q & A

**NOTICES**

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**BEGINNERS RESEARCH DAY** : Our kapiti branch open day is on  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 10am - 4pm at the Lodge rooms, Taranua St,  
Paraparaumu \$5 door charge.

**Volunteers** needed to help set up on Friday evening 7pm Please turn up  
and lend a hand.

**Can anyone Help:** We have had a query from one of our members In  
1629 on a ship carrying the puritans to America, a little girl died of "the  
Purples" and "Smallpox". A Mr Brown had brought it onto the ship when  
he was suffering with "Hectic Fever". Does anyone know what "the  
purples" were and also what "Hectic Fever" was? Could you please contact  
Valerie if you have any ideas.

**Kapiti Branch Brochures.** The branch has recently had 500 brochure  
printed with money applied for from the Pelorus Trust (Pub charities) If  
you would like to help distribute these in the community contact Angela

**Supper Helpers**

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

**Jul C-D Aug E-G**

**Kapiti Branch Day Time meetings** Held 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. of the month at Louis Wilson's home 177 Langdale Rd Paraparaumu Ph.2971947. Please note that this meeting is held in Louis's home and numbers are limited, please ring first.. So if you have trouble getting to the evening meeting's this may be the answer for you to keep in touch with the branch .

**Hutt Valley Branch Day time meeting** Joan Bray of the branch is starting a day time meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Hoping to start in August, at the Bridge Club Pork Ave. Meeting starts at 9.45am - 12noon with a cuppa, and gold coin donation. They will have all their resources on hand including a large library of 1000 books, maps, ect. Also the fiche and readers.

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*COMMENT Always willing to share my ignorance*

**PRESENTING YOUR OWN HISTORY**

Gerald Twiss's talk last month was titled "Presenting Your Own History". In it he asked members to think about the following:

**Some Things To Think About**

- Have you thought about putting out a "working paper" to interested relatives to gain more information ?
- Is all your data filed with a system, so that others can understand and access it ?
- Is your data and photo's stored on a computer database programme, (such as Legacy, Family Tree. PAF, Brothers Keeper, ect) **Is it backed up ?** with the back up and hard copy stored in cabinets, or other appropriate storage units.
- Do you have someone in mind to take over all your life's family research when you turn up your toes ?
- Are you training them up, or getting them interested now ?
- If you have not got some one someone in mind to carry on what is going to happen to all your valuable research?

Gerald will be back by popular demand in Sept to take to us about Charts. For those members who missed his talk last month be sure not to miss this one. If it is anything like the last one it will be entertaining funny and very informative.

**THE PATEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY** held a Film, Wine, Cheese & Social Evening in March this year with about 64 people attending including some from Wanganui and Hawera. The organisers thanked those who kindly loaned their films and video recordings, some of which went back well beyond 50 years. The proceeds from this evening will contribute to a project to transfer home videos of historical interest onto video tape.

Have any of our Kapiti members such records they would be willing to share with our group? If so contact Angela Milsted programmes officer

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**FROM ST. GEORGES SUB-DISTRICT, MANCHESTER - IN THE OLD DAYS**

"The New Town, known also as Irish Town, stretches up a hill of clay, beyond the Old Town, between the Irk and St. George's Road. Here all the features of a city are lost. Single rows of houses or groups of streets stand, here and there, like little villages on the naked, not even grass-grown, clay soil; the houses, or rather cottages, are in bad order, never repaired, filthy, with damp, unclean, cellar dwelling, the lanes are neither paved nor supplied with sewers, but harbour numerous colonies of swine penned in small sties or yards, or wandering unrestrained through the neighbourhood. The mud in the streets is so deep that there is never a chance, except in the driest weather, of walking without sinking into it ankle deep at every step. In the vicinity of St. George's Road, the separate groups of buildings approach each other more closely, ending in a continuation of lanes, blind alleys, back lanes and courts, which grow more and more crowded and irregular the nearer they approach the heart of the town" F. Engles 1844  
*Just imagine what our Health Nurses would have to say to this!*

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