

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

Meetings held at Masonic Lodge Rooms,
 Tararua Street, Paraparaumu
 4th Wednesdays of months
 January to November at 7.30 p.m.
 June 2000



PROGRAMME

Jun. 28th "An Introduction to Film Archives"
Steve Russell July 26th "Alexander Turnbull Photos" **Joan**
McCracken Aug 23rd **Cafe Evening**
NOTICES

LDS Family History Centre has now moved back to its old premises on the corner of Ngatitua & Chapel Streets, Porirua. They were closed from 8th June until 25th June to achieve this and reopen on Monday 26th June 2000. Hours are 10a.m. to 2p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The Irish in New Zealand A conference will be held 20th - 23rd July 2000 in Council Chamber, Hunter Building, Victoria University. Further details from Organiser Brad Patterson, Tel 04 463-5233 ex 8365. Fax: 04 496-5439 or Email:

brad.patterson@vuw.ac.nz Our club holds a few application forms available at the June meeting.

Round Robin Magazines Subscriptions for Irish, Australian, Devon and Somerset @ \$5, Scottish @ \$3 are now due. If sufficient numbers of members are interested in magazines from other counties/countries, please contact John Glover, Phone 902-2486

Supper Helpers

To assist the Committee will members please help with supper duties, particularly the serving and washing up. Jun R - T
 Jul W - Z

ALEXANDER TURNBULL LIBRARY

As a young man, Alexander Turnbull was an avid book collector. His collection eventually rose to 55,000 volumes together with prints, drawings, paintings, manuscripts, maps and photographs. He also gathered Maori and Pacific artifacts as well as coins, but these were later donated to the Dominion Museum to make way for the growing number of his books.

On his death in 1918, Alexander Turnbull bequeathed his collection to the nation, which became the beginning of the Library named after him. It now has more than a quarter of a million volumes as well as thousands of manuscripts, maps, original paintings and drawings, prints, photographs, music and sound recordings

Today the Turnbull Library is a division of the National Library of New Zealand and prints out Fact Sheets on "Oral History Centre" information, "New Zealand newspapers: how to use them for research" "Copying material from the collections" and "Care of Photographs" - there could be more dealing with our early history

(Sources: Illustrated Encyclopedia of New Zealand - Bateman and Alexander Turnbull Fact sheets)

FROM THE STRAYS OFFICER

Over 10,000 entries from the Collection will be included in the next edition of the NZSG Index. Keep watching the NZSG Genealogist for details on how to order your copy.

Articles on Strays which have appeared in the NZ Genealogist:-

- How to find your elusive ancestor. Strays - a new computerised service Page 429 Nov/Dec 1997
- Strays Collection. Page 89 Mar/Apr 1998
- Strays and the New Zealand BOMs. Page 419 Nov/Dec 1998

- Flockhouse boys and girls and the Strays Collection Page
301 Sep/Oct 1999

For a copy of the Fact Sheet, search request and data submission forms, please send me a long stamped addressed envelope.

To keep up to date with what is happening in the Collection, please send 4 long stamped addressed envelopes of your email address.

Searches can be requested by email (put "Strays" in the subject line) and reports send as an attachment in Rich Text Format.

Please remember to quote your membership number

NZSG Strays Officer is Lyane Kendall
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To learn more about the Strays Collection go to the Society's website:- <http://www.genealogy.org.nz> and click:-
Members/Record Collections

AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ARCHIVES JUSTIFIES THE EFFORT PUT IN BY GENEALOGISTS

This was the theme of the NZ Society of Genealogists' Vice President's, (Graeme Constable), speech at the quarterly meeting of the Southern North Island Regional Meeting held in Levin recently. The National Archives will now become an independent department from October 1st 2000 instead of being buried as a sub-section within the Department of Internal Affairs.

Had their plans become a reality, the ability of National Archives to manage the preservation of New Zealand's fundamental historical records would have been seriously eroded and the official memories of the country would have been reduced to a minor and insignificant role.

Genealogists fought the move on two fronts. Firstly a legal challenge and lobbying politicians of all parties to highlight the need for an independent National Archives that reported directly to the Government. The NZSG also increased public awareness of the proposals afoot. Thankfully the coalition government have agreed to preserve the National Archives. However, the NZSG will continue to monitor moves to establish the independent department and to put in place the new Archives Act to meet the needs of perserving important records through the 21st century and beyond.

RESEARCH WEEKEND

The Wanganui Branch of NZSG has issued an open invitation to join them on 15th and 16th July at the Wanganui Community Education Rooms on the corner of Dublin and Campbell Streets, Wanganui. Saturday 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday 10 am to 3 pm. Cost in \$6 a day or \$10 for both days. Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee available.

MILLENIUM PROJECT

The Nort Otago Genealogy Branch aims to register all the settlers who lived in the area before 1900, and even later arrivals. This project will be ongoing and details will be made available to people researching their own families. The Branch would appreciate any information that readers can provide regarding their forebears. Queries to> Barbara Pullar, c/o Awamoa Road, Oamaru. Tel No. (03)434-9814

ANOTHER RESEARCH WEEKEND

The Kapiti Branch NZSG will be holding its own research weekend on 26th and 27th August 2000 at the Scout Hall, Te Kupe Road, Kena Kena (near the shops) The theme is "GETTING STARTED" More details later.

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