



**May 2004**

**Convenor's Comment:-**

With the start of the new financial year, we have 121 members - three more than last. We say farewell to some, welcome back to many, and a special welcome to several new faces. Our last few meetings have seen great turnouts of over 50 and as a member reminded us, what happens if 100 turn up! Our current meeting place is rather cramped and we are looking at other venues.

It's a sign of the times that 100 members have an e-mail address and while this has done great things to reduce our snail mail budget for communication, it shows how much the PC - dreaded or otherwise - has become an important tool in our lives. Many members are using this tool to help them in their genealogy and we aim to reflect this in our programme of activities.

The other interesting statistic is that 48 of our members do not belong to the NZ Society of Genealogists. Let me make my position quite clear. I see my job as Convenor primarily as promoting genealogy and helping members in whatever way we can to research their ancestors. If this latter includes membership of the national genealogical organisation, then that's fine with me! But at the end of the day it is your choice and as several pointed out in the membership survey earlier in the year, you have your own reasons for NZSG membership or not.

I want to make sure therefore that you have reliable information about NZSG on which to make your choice. Do have a look at their website at [www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz) if you have Internet facilities. It's extensive and informative. Or pick up a brochure at local public libraries or from our Help Desk on meeting nights. Facilities available to members include an extensive library collection of NZ and international books, microfiche and CDs, much of which can be borrowed, with a research assistance scheme for reference only material. Research services are available for BDM indexes in England and Wales and a certificate purchasing facility; a UK Probates Index service; a NZ Bride and Grooms index; CD-ROM search facility. Record Collections of NZ interest are extensive - first families; pedigrees; pre 1856 marriage records; strays and more collection. Special Interest Groups focus on specific worldwide regions from UK to India, Computers and more.

There are 6 issues of the Society magazine published annually and help desk

facilities are designed for beginners to advanced searchers. An education programme is developing. If you are in Auckland, take time out to visit HQ at Panmure, as the Family Research Centre is the focus of activities and research.  
Clive Palmer

### **Notices:-**

Further to the post- NZSG A.G.M. tour schedule by their speaker, Ivan Johnson. Although the Palmerston North stop has been cancelled, we are now invited by the Wellington Branch to hear him speak on "Church Crawling in England". Date Wednesday 9th June 2004 at 7.30 p.m. Details and tickets available from your Editor cost \$5. Anyone interested? Warning: Unused tickets will be returned to Wellington after our May meeting

### **How We Began:-**

## **MINUTES OF 25TH MAY 1984 MEETING, CONVENED BY JUNE PRITCHETT, TO CONSIDER THE FORMATION OF A GENEALOGY GROUP**

Meeting held at Paraparaumu Community Centre, advertising and rent paid for by W.E.A.

The meeting opened at 7.45 p.m. after general reading of literature supplied by Mr. Hayes, President of Levin Group. J. Pritchett was in the Chair, 22 present and 9 apologies received

**BUSINESS** The questions were "Do we want to be affiliated to the N.Z. Soc. of Genealogists? Are our aims and objects the same as theirs?" Mr. Hayes gave a precis of the NZSG "Letter to forming groups". Before affiliation we need to have a minimum of 15 people holding regular meetings; have some office holders; be in existence for six months to a year; keep N.Z. Council informed of our activities. Alternatively, until 15 members obtained, we could meet informally and appoint a N.Z. Society member to liaise with Council regularly and the nearest established group.

Mr. Hayes recommended that the Group operate with a minimum of official business, to keep time for the genealogy activity of the night and to finish at a reasonable hour. Levin Group is prepared to have a member attend out meetings and assist in any other way they can.

Suggested specific assignments for Committee Members are:

Reception - (of new members, visitors. Name tag issue)

Attendance Registrar- (Completion at meetings and workshops)

Minute Secretary - (to assist Secretary)

Librarian or Records Person

### **Activities for Meetings**

- " Ask each person if they have a question, or some special progress to report
- " Each member to bring a list of Surnames and areas of research
- " Book night - bring your own for a communal read
- " Memento Night - the discussion arising can be helpful
- " Speakers

Bulk borrowing of NZSG library holdings - books, magazines, cemetery transcripts etc.

The individual subscription to NZSG is \$18 for the first year and \$14 the second. This gives ten magazines a year, free listing of readers' queries and access to the Society's areas of expertise. The husband and wife do not both need to be members (unless they both want voting rights. There is a joint membership) Once we are an affiliated group we are not financially committed to the NZSG but send regular reports and annual financial returns.

Of the 22 present, eight were members of NZSG and five were members of overseas societies.

C. Harlen of .Devon; S.Robinson of Scotland & Devon; B. Dallas of Wiltshire & Clydd; N. Edwards of Sussex, & Victoria, Australia; J.G. Morrison of Hereford, Shropshire, & Woolwich; Mrs. Morrison holds some Shropshire Parish Registers.

A Motion was put by J. Trolove "THAT we should form an informal Group with the aim of becoming affiliated to NZSG" Seconded by J. Pritchett and passed unanimously.

The Name of the Group to be "Kapiti Genealogy Group". Meetings to be monthly. Suggestions for venues were primary schools, Kapiti College (R. Biss to follow up), Kapiti Historical Museum or other room at Copperfield (B.Dallas) Borough Council Premises (J. Trolove) or any other that the Committee felt suitable. Next Meeting to be at Community Centre and reports on venues then would enable a decision to be made. The venue would determine expenses. Tonight's rent is \$10, but a school room venue could cost a donation of \$25 p.a. for instance. Money is required for postage & administrative expenses as well as rent short term.

Motion "Initial donation for the interim should be 50¢ each evening" proposed G. Duley, Seconded J. Morrison. Passed unanimously. Date of Meetings nights unsuitable of the third, fourth or fifth Mondays (Wellington & Levin Group nights) or the fourth Friday. Next meeting to be Friday, 15th June at Community Centre. Permanent date to be set when permanent venue known.  
 Election of Committee Chair taken by Mr. T. Hayes  
 Chairman June Pritchett Nominated; Robinson/Morrison  
 Secretary Fran Woolston Edwards/Trolove  
 Treasurer Guy Duley Bade/Anderson  
 Committee Shirley Baskiville-Robinson  
 Chris. Bade John Trolove

Betty Dallas Spring/Duley

This is a steering Committee and they will co-opt people to help as necessary. Committee meetings as required. Next Meeting Books - bring your own. Bring sheet of names & areas being researched

General Discussion Level of research of those present: eight raw beginners, five with one year's work and one with one to five year's work and six with five year's plus experience.

The group should hold a list of overseas researchers used and recommended. Poland research is difficult and expensive but not completely hopeless the area now known as Poland has relatively recent boundaries and the area of interest may now have its older records held by neighboring countries. The Meeting adjourned at 9.15 p.m. for supper and a look at the books Mr. Hayes had brought from Levin Minutes: D. Shuker

PRESENT June Pritchett; Betty Dallas; Celia Harlen; Tina White; Vincent Moore; John Trolove; Mr. & Mrs. Morrison; Beth Johnson; Clinton Johnson; Ngaere Edwards; Guy Duley; Ralph Biss; Jean Howard; Betty Anderson; Christine Bade; Alison Jackson; Shirley Baskiville-Robinson; Anne Spring; Fran Woolston; Deborah Shuker

APOLOGIES Julia Raymer; Doug McGowan; Mrs. L. Wilkin; Mrs. Mary Begg; Mr. Ken Oakenfull; Mrs. Ruth Cumming; Mrs. B. Leitch; Mrs. Ruth Moar; Mr. C. Cassels

(Signed J.E. Pritchett 7-11-84 )

### **Media Release**

"Genealogical group formed by Tina White"

Kapiti people interested in tracing their family trees now have a local organisation to help them do it.

The Kapiti Genealogical Group, an informal body that aims to affiliate later with the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc. was formed at a meeting in Paraparaumu on Friday, May 25th.

Guest speaker was Mr. Tom Hayes, who represented the Levin Genealogical Society, but who is also a national council member of the New Zealand Society.

The 22 people at the meeting represented a cross-section of genealogists - some were beginners, some had been researching their family history for from one to five years, while others were experienced genealogists with memberships in overseas family history societies.

The idea to form a new organisation came from the success of a recent Paraparaumu course, 'Know Your Ancestors', held by the W.E.A., said newly

elected chairman, Mrs. June Pritchett.

A secretary, Mrs. Fran Woolston, a treasurer, Mr. Guy Duley, and a steering committee of four - Mrs. Shirley Robinson, Mrs. Chris Bade, Mrs. Betty Dalles and Mr. John Trolove, were also elected at the meeting. The group is now looking for a permanent venue for its meetings, the next of which will be at the Paraparaumu Community Centre on Friday June 15"

**Reports:-**

Kew Archives. We were very fortunate in having Jean Peters from the Isle of Wight, U.K. as speaker at our April meeting. It was quite by chance we discovered she was coming out to the Kapiti District to visit her son and wanted to make genealogical contact. Not only did she speak to our group, but also, prior to coming out, she was able to do a little research at Kew for some of our members. She left us with material on the Kew Archives that have been put onto our website.

Our local Access Radio is doing a series called "Body Positive" and our Convenor, Clive, has been interviewed a couple of times, speaking on genealogy. Have any of you caught this programme? They are looking for personal interest stories in the genealogy world. Have you anything to share?

Last Chance for anyone wanting to go down to Wellington to hear Ivan C. Johnson, NZSG Conference speaker talk on "Church Crawling in England" on 9th June 2004 at 7.30 p.m. There are a few tickets available from Alison Procter.

Library At last! The library cataloguer is prepared to give 2 hours a week for entering our Branch library books into their system. It has been a long wait, and we thank members for their patience. It will probably take a further couple of months to complete this job. In the meantime we have some temporary borrowing rules which are posted on the cupboards. More on our library, we are proposing to re-locate some of these books, holding onto those that are specifically on genealogy and giving the Public Library the first option on others. A list will be available at our meetings. Latest purchase is the 2004 Genealogical Research Directory, which will be among our books as soon as it is processed. We are also updating the NZ microfiche collection. We also have a PC alongside the microfiche readers for CD use (no on-line facility yet).

Web Site there is now a new section here under "links" for Members to add their personal web sites. If you are interested contact our Webmaster at thobar@@paradise.net.nz

A Message from the NZSG The Society provides a cheque service for overseas transactions. for Members ONLY and only for genealogical purposes. In cases where cheques required from the overseas cheque services are for more than £50, or AUS \$100 these requests need to be accompanied with a copy of the invoice.

## On Publishing a Book

Following on Derek Griffis' talk on producing and publishing a book, it is worth mentioning that the Alexander Turnbull Library has some Fact Sheets to help the budding author.

1. Legal Deposit: By law you are required to deposit up to three copies of every work you publish with the National Library of New Zealand. The Legal Deposit Office, which is located in the National Library, administers the system. The benefits are set out, along with your legal obligations and then there is a list of what constitutes a publication, together with another list of exemptions, and instructions on how to deposit your publication

E-mail: [legaldeposit@natlib.govt.nz](mailto:legaldeposit@natlib.govt.nz)

2. Copyright Limitations: When bequests, donations or loans have been acquired by the Alexander Turnbull Library, some of the material is still in copyright and the Library has a responsibility to ensure that this material is used in a way consistent with the agreement made at the time of acquisition. While every effort is made to ensure that the Library's collections are free of legal restrictions and available for public use, the user has the responsibility for clearing the copyright and for meeting any other requirements applying to that item. Under the New Zealand Copyright Act 1994, material is protected for different periods of time, according to format.

3. Publishing a book? This pamphlet gives information on the New Zealand Standard Book Numbering Agency, and the benefits of applying for an ISBN for publications, which allows a book to be easily identified anywhere in the world. Again a list of which publications would be eligible and when and how to apply.

E-mail: [ISBN@natlib.govt.nz](mailto:ISBN@natlib.govt.nz)

NOT A BROOMSTICK after all! I think I have at last found the ship Grandmother came to New Zealand on, thanks to Meryl. She gave me the website of [www.nla.gov.au/guides/discoverguides/](http://www.nla.gov.au/guides/discoverguides/)

Shippassenger.html and there I found the right name. Just two things puzzled me, the name was right and the initial but there was no "Mrs." in front. The age was right, the date of arrival in Australia acceptable. However, when I tried checking on her friend's details, her name and initials came up for a ship arriving in 1908 and her age given as 28 and the ship was the "SS Roon". However, when I looked at an alternative spelling of her surname, Bingo! So I guess that this is the ship I have been hunting for years. I would now like to check the ship's log and see if there are any shipboard diaries, first before being absolutely certain.