

**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.  
**May 2000**

**PROGRAMME**

**May 24th** "Salt Lake City" John Weston  
**Jun. 28th** "An Introduction to Film Archives" Steve Russell  
**Jul.26th** "Alexander Turnliull Photos" Joan McCracken  
**Aug. 23rd** Cafe Evening

**NOTICES**

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We have to thank **Centrepjont TV** for lending us a TV set and video for the March meeting free of charge. It was much appreciated.

A list of new **library books** is accompanying this newsletter. At future meetings, new books will be displayed on a separate table.

Round **Robin Magazines** Subscriptions for Irish (\$4), Australian (\$5), Devon and Somerset \$6, Scottish @ \$3 jare now due. If sufficient numbers of members are interested in magazines from other counties/countries, please contact John Glover, Phone 902-2486

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**Sapper Helpers**

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

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## NOTES FROM NZSG CONFERENCE

Two Kapiti members received awards from the New Zealand Society of Genealogists. Derek Griffis was presented with the Lucy Marshall Award for his article "War Graves on the Internet" May/June 1999 issue of The New Zealand Genealogist and Kay Carter was given an Appreciation Award when her genealogical tapestry, showing 5 generations of her family, was one of the recent Conference exhibits. Both these awards were presented to them at our April meeting. Our Society's congratulations go to them both.

NZSG Council plans to extend new features and services in Information Technology on their WEB site over the next year. It is in the process of transferring their existing Library Catalogue onto both WEB and CD.

Last year's raffle raised over \$18,000. These funds will help with the Schools 2000 Project and improved services to members.

Further to our April meeting "Genealogy On-Line" by Bill Carter, Derek Griffis has located two websites that may be of interest:-

- 1) Learning how the On-Line IGI works and how best to use it, visit <http://members.tripod.co.uk/familyhistory2/> then click on "Using the Family Search web site"
- 2) Finding IGI Batch Numbers for completely unfamiliar areas, visit <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Trail/8333/index4.html>

These are for England, County by County. By replacing index4 with index41 you get Scotland, with index42 being Ireland and index43 being Wales.

"Students today cannot prepare bark to calculate their problems, They depend upon their slates, which are more expensive. What will they do when their slate is dropped and it breaks? They will be unable to write." (Teacher's Conference, 1790)

### **19th CENTUARY IMMIGRANT WOMEN**

The Female Middle Class Emigration Society assisted unemployed educated women to emigrate and find suitable employment, usually as governesses or clerks, in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Canada

Copies of letters from these emigrant women, 1862 -1882, are on microfilm at the Alexander Turnbull Library (Reference: Micro-MS-0854)

Associates of the Girls Friends Society were to welcome girls immigrating to New Zealand by meeting all ships and trains that arrived in Wellington. They would give the girls a cup of tea and find places for them to board until they were settled.

Some Members Registers for this Society have survived, 1885-1978, and are held at the Alexander Turnbull Library (Reference: 85-075)

Further information can be found in "Archives of Women's Organisations", a special edition of the National Register of Archives and manuscripts in New Zealand, produced by the Alexander Turnbull Library to commemorate the centenary of women's suffrage in 1993

### **MURPHY'S ANCESTORS**

Most scientists and engineers are only too familiar with the fundamental principle of Nature, known as Murphy's Law - best known in the form "If anything can go wrong, it will". This applies to such homely experiences as finding that a slice of bread always falls butter-side downwards, whatever the law of averages may say .....

What is not generally known is that Murphy arrived at his law after trying to trace his family tree. His own comment&en this are lost, or could not be printed except on asbestos paper<<^ an adventure to list some of his findings.

NAME 1. In a key position in every genealogy you will find a John Smith from London. If you are lucky you will also find a David

Jones from Cardiff, or, as in Murphy's own case, a Patrick Murphy from Dublin.

2. If you have any unusual surnames in your family, there will inevitably be at least three distant cousins with the same Christian name, who, by a remarkable piece of synchronisation, manage to have sons on the same day. AM of these sons will be called after their fathers, and they will marry girls called Sarah. {From an article by Terence Mclaughlin, written for the **Origins** magazine of the Buckinghamshire Family History Society.

"Students today depend upon paper too much. They do not know how to write on slate without getting chalk dust all over themselves. They cannot clean a slate properly. What will they do when they run out of paper?" (*Principals Association 1815*)

"Bali point pens will be the ruin of education in our country. Students use these devices and then throw them away. The American virtues of thrift and frugality are being discarded. Business and bank will never allow such expensive luxuries." (*Federal Teacher 1950*)

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## KAPITI BRANCH NZSG LIBRARY NEW BOOKS

MAY 2000

- Sussex Hearth Tax Assessments 1662 1) Lewis rape
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- Eastern Sussex Workhouse Census 1851
- Eastern Sussex Settlement Certificates 1670 - 1832
- 1851 Census Cornwall surname index Vol. 1 Liskard (part)  
Vol. 3 Liskard (part)  
Vol. 4 Camelford Vol.  
5 Stratton Vol.26  
Penzance (part)
- 1851 Census Cleveland (F.H.S.) Vol. 25 Stokesley Vol.  
37 Whitby A-L Vol. 40  
Vol. 89
- 1851 Census Buckinghamshire (F.H.S.) Olney
- 1851 Census Worcestershire Vol. 2 Kidderminster
- 1851 Census Staffordshire surname index Vol. 13 Wolverhamton (part 3)
- Hastings Gaol records 1850 -1853
- Baptism Register: Holy Trinity Coventry Warwickshire (part 3) 1653 - 1745
- G.R.D. 1999
- G.R.D. 2000
- "A Comedy of Errors or The Marriage Records of England & Wales 1837 -1899" by Michael Whitfield Foster.
- "Dating Old Photographs" - Robert Pols
- Marriage & Census Indexes Gibson/Hampson
- Catholic Family History Michael Gandy
- "The Family Historian, Enquire Within" - Pauline Saul
- Using Baptism Records for Family Historians Pauline Litton

Bishops Transcripts & Marriage Licences - Jeremy Gibson  
 Current publications by members societies - John Perkins  
 Family History Research in Yorkshire Pauline Litton  
 Family History Research in Lancashire Rita Hurst  
 "The Working Lives of Children" (paper) - Jean Cole  
 "Illegitimacy and its Records" (paper) - Jean Cole  
 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Report 1998-99  
 The British Army Ian Sumnerton  
 "To Fight for the Empire. NZ and the South African War 1899-1902  
 John Crawford with Ellen Ellis  
 "For your tomorrow" Vol. 1 Errol W. Martyn  
 "For your tomorrow" Vol.2 Enrol W. Martyn  
 Makerua School 50th Jubilee Wellington Technical  
 College Diamond Jubilee Ohau School 75th Jubilee  
 25th Anniversary Paraparaumu Presbyterian Church 1955 - 1990 Karori  
 School Centenary 1857 - 1957 ^Early Photos of New Plymouth the  
 Williams Family in New Zealand 1823 - 1973 The Gateway to Scenic  
 Southland 1996 NZSG Conference A Book of Quotations 1978 &  
 Newspaper articles 187& Ashburton University of New Zealand  
 Results 1917  
 Index of Aliens Naturalized in New Zealand - Heather A. Walden  
 Miscellaneous Arrivals 1886 A.G.C.I. Data Entry Guidelines Juffe

1) Oral History and How To Approach It - Judith Fife/Hugh Mason

2) Oral History and How To Approach It - Judith Fife/Hugh Mason

Brogden's Navvies

Rollo Arnold

Genealogy In the Computer Age - Understanding Family Search

Great Days in New Zealand John Pascoe

Irish Family Research on the Internet N.Z.S.G.