

KAPITI BRANCH N.Z.S.G.  
New Zealand Society of Genealogists  
P.O. Box 703, Paraparaumu

Meetings held at Paraparaumu Public Library  
Rimu Road, Paraparaumu

4th Thursday of months January to November at 7.30 p.m.

*As this is the Public Library's late night, our section upstairs is open from 7 p.m. until the meeting starts, for members to access our Branch books*

***Remember, the Kapiti resources at the Paraparaumu Library are manned each Wednesday from 10am - 12 midday.***

### PROGRAMME

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** Kathleen Godfrey, one of our own members, will speak on "The life of an apprentice in a cotton mill". This is also our AGM night, so please come along and be prepared to stand for the committee.

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** Our last meeting for the year will be a chance for you to bring along a family treasure or small memento to share with others. The more the merrier! Please also bring a plate. Supper will start earlier than usual.

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>** At our first meeting for 2004, Derek Griffis will talk about the production of his recently-completed book.

### NOTICES

Annual Subscriptions will be set at the AGM. The committee is recommending that the subscriptions remain as at present: \$16 Single, \$27 Double, \$2 Casual. Once the meeting is over, you will be able to pay your 2003-2004 subscription if you wish. Remember, that after a short period of grace, a 2003-2004 membership card will be required to gain access to the Branch's research resources at the library.

Two people have responded to my pleas to offer themselves for nomination for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. However, no-one has stepped forward to stand for Convenor. This is a very sad state of affairs. Further, beside the Convenor's position needing to be filled, another two committee members are required, to keep the committee up to full strength. Please raise your hand at the AGM. Don't leave it to somebody else.

We are still looking for extra help for (a) entering and (b) checking data for the Schools Admission Register Project. All you need to enter data is a computer (even a really old one will do, providing its not a Mac). The program and instruction will be provided. If you think you can assist, please call Marydell Haddock, the committee member in charge of projects, on 298 7254.

Congratulations to Bill Carter on the recent publication of his joint-authored book "Wool". Sound like a huge amount of work there, Bill.

### INTERNET SITES

The Hocken Library in Dunedin

National Register of Archives and Manuscripts

<http://www.nram.org.nz/>

National Library of New Zealand

<http://www.natlib.govt.nz/>

Commonwealth War Graves Commission (excellent for searching). First, find names matching the one you search for, then click the actual name you want, to see further details.

<http://www.cwgc.org/cwgcinternet/search.asp>

U.K. Public Records Office

<http://www.pro.gov.uk/>

Tasmanian History Indexes (heaps of stuff to search)

[http://www.nx\)tsweb.com/~austas/historyv.htm](http://www.nx)tsweb.com/~austas/historyv.htm)

RSA Review's Last Post - listing recent deaths of ex-servicemen and women

[http://www.rsa.org.nz/review/lpost\\_intro.cfm](http://www.rsa.org.nz/review/lpost_intro.cfm)

NZ Funeral Notices - a searchable index of newspaper entries

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~funerahiotices/Funeral.html>

Did you know, that a number of City and Regional Councils have searchable cemetery databases? These can be most useful to get a lead on a death. A good example is the Palmerston North one, at

<http://www.pncc.govt.nz/Council/Services/CemeteriesDatabase.htm>

Which delivers all manner of useful information on the deceased. It even tells you who purchased the plot, which could be a lead in itself.

### **FOR SALE - and some thing for free too!**

A member, Rosemary Lloyd, has a Microfiche Reader which is offered free to a good home. If you'd like to take it off her hands, give her a call on 902 1927. She is also selling her microfiche - NZ Cemeteries fiche up to 1997, and NZ Births, deaths and marriages fiche from 1840 to 1920. Total price for all the fiche is \$500 o.n.o.

### **IT'S A PUZZLEMENT**

I have a couple of Wills, which, as far as I can see, are those of a grandfather and grandson, as the latter was born the year the former died, and the grandfather's Executor was his son. To complicate matters they were all called William, and, unfortunately, no other family members were mentioned.

According to information received, William the First was bom in 1631 or 1632 and died in 1696. He was married to Elizabeth in 1663, but she died in 1677 and in the Will he makes provision for "his wife, Susan", so he must have remarried.

William the Second is the Missing Link, born circa 1662 and died in 1699, three years after William the First. William the Third would have been three then, so obviously, could not be made an Executor. So the questions begin: Did William the Second make a Will? Or did he die intestate? Who would take over the management of his affairs? His Father-in-Law? His Lawyer? An Old Friend of the Family? How can I find out? According to William the Third's Will, the estate flourished somewhere along the way, for he ended up with several properties scattered throughout the Ribble Valley.

If anyone can offer leads to solving my problems, I would be grateful.

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