

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 pm
October 2001

PROGRAMME

Oct. 24th A.G.M. - Deborah Shuker & Alison Procter
"Gallivantings" **Nov. 28th** Christmas
Party. Speaker Jan Bonnett

NOTICES

WELCOME to new members we hope you enjoy our meetings.

NEWSLETTERS It is proposed that, as so many members are now on E-mail, we use this medium for future newsletters. We expect to trial it in the New Year. **RESEARCH** Members are invited to talk on their research progress at meetings. Any offers? **GARAGE SALE** Your Committee is thinking of holding a garage sale next year to raise funds for, among other things, more library books. Members are asked to save suitable articles over the holiday break

ESPECIALLY FOR NEW MEMBERS You may not be aware that this Society has a collection of Microfiche and Microfiche Readers available to our members. This is cared for by Barbara Tunley. To order, phone 298-6531. A list of these are held by Barbara Humpage and can be bought at a nominal charge at meetings

Supper Helpers

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

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GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH DIRECTORY

Past contributors will have received a notice from the editors by now to say it is time to send in information for the 2002 Directory. For those of you who do not know, this can be a valuable tool for contacting other people around the world who are researching the same names. Sometimes they link up with YOUR family, sometimes not, but either way it provides information you can pick up as another piece of your jigsaw, or discard as belonging to another person's puzzle.

Much of the Directory is taken up with lists of surnames, with the countries/areas and time frames that the enquirers are looking at. Here they are identified by a Contributor Number and a list of these, in numerical order, is found in another section of the book. Another part deals with subjects, such as Migration, Military, Places, Shipping, etc. Those making the enquiry are again identified by the same number as above. Then there are the One Name Studies section, where the researchers are only following up one ancestor.

At the back of the Directory are Genealogical Societies and Archives, again from the countries of the world. I have found these very helpful when trying to research long-distance.

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"It seems like only yesterday that we were calling Today Tomorrow"

"I love Information - what I don't like is having to do something with it."

GOING UPI Have you heard that the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages are putting up the fees on their certificates and photocopies of certificates? We are invited to show our disapproval by writing to George Hawkins, M.P., Minister in Charge, to protest this excessive price hike, sending copies to our local M.P.s as well Another option is to join a nationwide boycott and not purchase any certificates until the prices are reduced Sue Greene from the NZSG suggests that all 8000 NZSG members photocopy the BDM certificates that they have

collected and send them to NZSG headquarters, who will then index them and add to their CD-ROM, as members this is a free service to which we will have access. NZSG has been in touch with the Registrar's Office, who have stated there was no room for discussion and Sue has e-mailed George Hawkins to get the justification for these increases, asking that this is made public in the newspapers. She intends to keep on pestering him until she gets an explanation.

These records, so important to New Zealanders' research, is not only a part of our personal history, but also part of our country's history. From \$9 for an 'Information Only' copy to \$33, putting it in line with a complete certified copy is too much. Don't you agree?

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SEARCHING OF CHURCH REGISTERS

For anyone wishing to search Church Registers in Britain which are still held at the Church, the current fee scale set by the Church of England is as follows:-

* Searching registers of marriages for the period before 1st July 1837 for up to 1 hour = £ 13 UK and for each subsequent hour or part of an hour £ 11 UK

* Searching registers of baptisms or burials (including the provision of one copy of an item therein) for up to one hour = £13 UK and each subsequent hour or part £11 UK

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* Each additional copy of baptism or death entry £13

The search fee relates to a particular search where the approximate date of the baptism, marriage or burial is known. The fee for a more general search of a church register would be negotiable.

It is suggested that you first find out what records are held at the pertinent Public Record Office, e.g. For Somerset Record Office go to www.somerset.gov.uk select learning

archives and records, what records we have summarises, and enter the Parish name to get a complete list of all records held

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AREN'T YOU GLAD YOU HAVEN'T TO FIT THIS ONTO YOUR FAMILY TREE?

Birth at 204a West Derby Road, West Derby, Liverpool 19th December 1882, Ann, Bertha, Cecelia, Diana, Emily, Fanny, Gertrude, Hypatria, Inex, Jane Kate, Louise, Maud, Nora, Ophelia, Quince, Rebecca, Starkey, Teresa, Ulysis, Venus, Winnifred, Xenopheu, Yetty Zeus, daughter of ARTHUR PEPPER, a laundryman and MARY JANE nee CHEIGHTON

Well, the girl could be called a different name for every week of the year!

EXTRA NOTICE Jan Bonnett, who deals with the Irish section of the NZSG Library, and lives in Paraparaumu, has offered to store our Electoral Rolls, previously looked after by Rosalyn. Many thanks, Jan.

ALSO as October is the A.G.M., I have not included a list of Committee Members until after the this meeting, so use your previous Newsletter until next month, when the new list of Committee and duties will be published.

*POT-SHOTS •Officially, **we begin at Birth, and end at Death**, but it's really much more complicated than that!*

"If you don't believe In Ghosts, you've never been to a Family Reunion.

11 THIS SPACE IS RESERVED FOR THE NEW COMMITTEE !!