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Meetings held at Masonic Lodge Rooms,
Tararua Street, Paraparaumu
4th Wednesdays of months January to November at 7.30 pm
September 2001

PROGRAMME

Sept 26th Charts and Recording systems - Gerald Twiss
Oct. 24th A.G.M. - Deborah Shuker & Alison Procter
"Gallivantings"

NOTICES

AGM is next meeting. Can **you** propose anyone for the new Committee? The work is interesting, not onerous, and we invite members to come and join us. How about it?

WELCOME to new members Barbara Barron, Jan Precey and Lois Wilson, 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. This may not happen immediately, as your Editor will have to learn more about this system.

RESEARCH Members are invited to talk on their research progress at meetings. Any offers? **SPRINGTIME SCOTS**

GLEANINGS Invitation to an Open Day at St. John's Ambulance Hall, Bowen St. Feilding between 10 am and 4 pm on Saturday, 13th October 2001 BYO lunch, morning & afternoon tea provided. Charge \$3 **A BIG 'THANK YOU'** to Angela Milsted for standing in for the absent Editor once again.

Supper Helpers

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

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BIRDS OF A FEATHER? by Sally Richards

When people hear that my identical twin sister, Rachael, is married to my husband's brother, they are always surprised and sometimes alarmed. Then we get the standard "keeping it in the family, aren't you!!" I have found over the years, though, that it is not all that uncommon for siblings from one family to marry several siblings from another family. Three of my husband's first cousins have married stepbrothers and sisters in the same family, and two great-auntis also married brothers. Some would suggest that it is just that New Zealand is a small place and you don't have far to look for a mate. Perhaps these things happen because all the people in the two families are like-minded and are of similar ages. Could it be that the temperament of the people in one family suits the temperament of those in the other family?

Despite this, my great-grandparents and their siblings are still quite extraordinary. Solomon RICHARDS and Martha Jemima MOOREhad 14 children, almost all of whom emigrated from Ireland in the late 1800s. Threewent to America, anothermarried and went to Melbourne, Australia and seven of the remaining 10 immigrated to New Zealand.

The HARRISONs came from the same part of Ireland. Andrew HARRISON and wife, Mary EAGER emigrated to America in 1826 with five children, leaving one, Thomas, aged 2, with an uncle. Thomas married Ruth BUTLER and they had 14 children, all but two of whom ended up in New Zealand, with one son, Thomas, emigrating to America and a daughter, who stayed in Ireland.

Two of the RICHARDS brothers arrived in New Zealand in 1877. In 1886, the older one, Edward, married Elizabeth HARRISON while a few months later in the same year, Elizabeth's brother, Henry, married Gertrude RICHARDS, sister of Edward and Thomas. Then in the October of the same year Thomas RICHARDS married Sarah HARRISON.

Sally goes on to say there were five more RICHARDS/HARRISON marriages later on. She has never found evidence that the two

families knew each other in Ireland, in spite of coming from the same part.

BISHOP'S TRANSCRIPTS

One way of accessing English parish records is through Bishop's Transcripts. Many of these have been put on microfilm by the Church of Latter Day Saints and can be ordered through their Family History Centres.

The film reference numbers are available through the LDS Library catalogue, which can be found at their Centres or on the InterNet. Choose the film that covers the years and places you are researching.

Then the fun begins. You need to allow plenty of time, as some of the writing can be faded or disfigured, pages can be missing or torn. Other pages are duplicated, because the first exposure was not clear enough. The eye runs down the columns, what are you looking for? A name? A date? An event? I found the baptisms gave the child's, name, son (or daughter) of the father and sometimes the mother. On some pages it gave a history:- father's name, son of(with sometimes a place added), by his wife (name)

MISSING BODIES! Did you read the article in a recent "Contact" newspaper? Apparently in 1906 a number of people, about half of them children, who had died in the years 1890-91 and buried in Bolton Street cemetery in an area known as Reserve V, were disinterred in 1906 to make way for the building of Anderson Park. They were moved to an unmarked plot, but the exact location not recorded until now. Ground penetrating radar and thorough research by Friends of Bolton Street Memorial Park have now found them. A plaque in memory of those people has been unveiled in the above Memorial Park. A list of names is available.

ROSALYN SMAILL is in Australia at present due to family commitments. We wish her well.

Dear Ancestor: Your
tombstone stands among the rest
Neglected and alone
The name and date are chiseled out
On polished marble stone
It reaches out to all who care
It is too late to mourn You did
not know that I exist
You died and I was born
Yet each of us are cells of you
In flesh and blood and bone
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
Entirely not our own. Dear
Ancestor, the place you filled
One hundred years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so
I wonder if you lived and loved
I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find the spot
And come to visit you

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