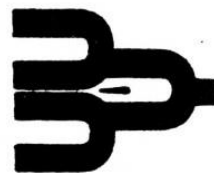


# Kapiti Group Newsletter

NZ Society of Genealogists Inc



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MEETINGS	PARAPARAUMU COMMUNITY CENTRE	
	7.30 pm First Wednesday	
	February - December	
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CHAIRPERSON	JAN BONNETT	85834
SECRETARY	ERIC McNAE	33169
TREASURER	JOHN ROSS	33771
MINUTE SEC	MARY McLEOD	34487
PROGRAMME SEC	JAN BONNETT	85834
LIBRARIAN	KEN OAKENFULL	34483
PROJECTS	CAROL PROCKTER	86826
HOSTESSES	VALERIE FREEMAN	87396
	BARBARA HUMPAGE	86970
FUND RAISING	CHERYL HODGES	33009
NEWSLETTER	GWENDA COLE	85466

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N Z BIRTH DEATH & MARRIAGE 1840 - 1920

N Z CEMETERY RECORDS

I G I 1988 Edition of ENGLAND / SCOTLAND /

+ IRELAND & WALES all counties

+ CENTRAL & SOUTHERN EUROPE many countries  
plus many more miscellaneous countries

N S W AUST BIRTH DEATH & MARRIAGE INDEX

LONDON POST OFFICE DIRECTORY 1858 12 fiche

NORFOLK & NORWICH many records 37 fiche

THE PREROGATIVE WILLS of IRELAND index -

1536 - 1810 6 fiche

BUSINESS DIRECTORY OF LONDON manufacturing &  
commercial 1862/3 20 fiche

SCOTLAND PARISH MAPS & COUNTY DIRECTORY

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JUNE 1991

**MAY MEETING** ..... At the May clubnight members shared the experiences, trials, tribulations & successes as several of their number recounted their first steps along the road to that fascinating world of Genealogy & Family History. This proved popular & it is hoped that more members will be encouraged to come forward & tell their stories at a future date. Come on now, don't be shy!

**COLIN CHAPMAN** .....The long anticipated visit of Dr Colin Chapman to Kapiti took place on 22 May. It was most pleasing to see over 100 people attend this gathering, & one could not fail to be impressed & encouraged by this softly spoken Englishman, not to mention entertained. Colin shared with us his sound & proven ideas on 'Organising your Family History', & who more qualified to guide us than the Founder of six Family History Societies in England? Altogether an enjoyable & enlightening evening, followed by an equally enjoyable supper. This was Colin's first visit to New Zealand, we hope he feels the urge to return.....

**ST CATHERINE'S HOUSE INDEX ON MICROFICHE** .....In the next issue of the NZ Genealogist, due out on 14 June, members will be informed on how the NZ Society will make access to these records available. Membership to the N Z S G is essential to use this service, surely a good reason for joining the Society.

**PROJECTS** .....How is your PROJECT BOARD coming along? We plan to have a display of these at our July Clubnight. Please feel free to take a board if you have not done so already, or another board if you feel so inclined, no restriction on number.

**HERITAGE MONTH** ..... The month of September has been proclaimed HERITAGE MONTH. Efforts will be made to promote Genealogy & the N Z S G. Ideas for this promotion will be welcomed by Committee.

**ON THE HOME FRONT** .....We were very pleased to welcome so many new members at the May clubnight, many of whom had enrolled for our open days, caught the bug & joined Kapiti Group.

**SPEAKERS** .....Guest Speakers for future clubnights for 1991 include: Mr Ray Harkness speaking on Wills; Mr & Mrs Shattky our own members who have recently spent time researching in Germany; Mrs Peggy Crawford of Lower Hutt who has published a very successful book & Mrs Heather Webber a wellknown & experienced reseacher & member of GRINZ. Our November clubnight is scheduled to be a visit to Porirua Library to use the St Catherine's House Index, at the invitation of Mr Stephen Murphy. It is envisaged we will charter a bus to travel in to Porirua.

**HAWKES BAY CONFERENCE** ..... Kapiti was very well represented this year with nine members attending this years Conference. We were priviledged to hear many interesting & clever speakers, including Dr Colin Chapman who spoke on FAMILY HISTORY IN MANORIAL & LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS, & later spoke on ENGLISH POOR LAWS IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH. A totally different approach to the subject of Genealogy was delivered by Janet Reakes of Australia, who showed us HOW TO PROVE YOU ARE ON THE RIGHT BRANCH, also SHORT CUTS & MONEY SAVING IDEAS IN GENEALOGY. We were also priviledged to hear addresses from many other talented speakers on a host of different subjects. One thing that came through loud & clear was that everybody has a story. No matter that we think we live boring & ordinary lives, what we are living now is history in the making. History is HIS-STORY, HER-STORY, OUR-STORY & even MY-STORY, & so it was for our forebears, & OH, how we would love to hear THEIR-STORIES. Oral History is an obvious choice for those with elderly rellies, a good tape-recorder & the time. This was most ably illustrated by Mr Ulrich Williams in his address PEOPLE OF THE BAY.

**NOTICEBOARD** .....See notice board tonight for National Archives REDUCTION IN SERVICES\*\*\*\*\*

**DANNEVIRKE** .....Eight members from Kapiti travelled together to the Conference taking all day to reach Hastings, & making many stops along the way. One particular place of interest they visited was the **GALLERY OF HISTORY** in Dannevirke. This fine collection of relics of pioneering & more recent times in Lower Hawkes Bay is housed in the old Courthouse in Gordon Street. The Curator Mr Wally Knowles was very happy to show us through the museum, which, he claims is rapidly outgrowing the premises. Some items of interest he showed us are undertakers burial registers, many photographs & Roll of Honour Boards. There are Dux & Full Attendance Boards of Tipapakuku School, Military Record books, Councillors photographs to mention but a few exhibits. One source of great amusement was a display of **TEETH** which were found in the wall of a building which formerly housed a dental surgery, when it was demolished. Someone's ancestor's????? A nice bonus was a cheery log fire burning in the grate. The Curator says he is happy to try to answer written questions relating to Dannevirke, Norsewood & surrounding areas. The usual S A E applies of course, & a small donation is very much appreciated.

**NEW ACQUISITIONS** ..... The Group has purchased 3 video tapes produced by Janet Reakes. It is planned to show these on clubnights from time to time. For those of you who have not yet seen & heard Janet in person, this will be the next best thing. There are new additions to our book library, & we are considering building up a library of 19th century Ordnance maps of parts of Great Britain. More leaflets have been acquired of holdings of National Archives, both Wellington & Auckland.

**THANKS** .....Jan Bonnett has just accepted on our behalf a collection of NZSG magazines, Historic Places Trust publications, & various journals. We are indebted to the daughter of the late Mrs Betty Dallas for donating these from her Mother's collection, & we plan to add these to the book library in the near future.

MICROFICHE .....the OTAGO/SOUTHLAND marriages from Anglican records have now arrived, also Roman Catholic marriages for the same area. Archives N Z by Frank Rogers (1 fiche) These have been added to our Microfiche Library.

DID YOU KNOW? .....A "GENTLEMAN" was one who did not engage in trade or commerce, but had an independent income usually from rents & investments. Thanks Mary.

THIS COULD UPROOT THE FAMILY TREE .....Your ed. has had a mammoth addition to her family. Daughters Paula & Carol have 'adopted' two orphaned baby elephants. No that is not the reason for the additions to the back of the house, & they are not sharing the London flat, but these lovable babies are being cared for in a Sanctuary in Nairobi, by Care for the Wild. Whew!

POST SCRIPT ..... Those who heard Colin Chapman will all be taking heed of his suggestions I know, & all their photographs will be named on the backs (in pencil) by now, & we will all be numbering our entries & colour coding families, not forgetting to write each persons story as we go.....



Here lies

# Stephen Rumbold

He lived to y Age of 100 & 1  
Sanguine & Strong

An hundred to one  
You don't live so Long

Brightwell Baldwin, Oxfordshire