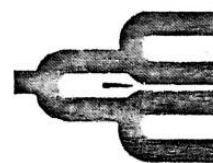


Kapiti Group Newsletter

NZ Society of Genealogists Inc

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MEETINGS	PARAPARAUMU COMMUNITY CENTRE
	7.30 pm First Wednesday
MAY 1993	February - December
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TONIGHT.....We warmly welcome Professor Rollo Arnold, whose subject is 'The Revealing Flames: The Lambton Quay Fires of 17 May 1868 & 29 Dec 1885'

APRIL MEETING.....Postal carriers travelled up to 25 miles per day, on foot, & postage was payable on receipt; coach & horses plied along the coastline as far as Wanganui from Wellington at 10 miles per hour; the first recorded Post Master on the Kapiti Coast was in 1860, salary 10 per year!

Mr Robin Startup of Masterton, postal historian, addressed Kapiti members on Postal History in our area, outlining the routes over which mail was carried, & illustrating the link between Family History, Postal History & New Zealand History, as areas became inhabited, so Post Offices came in to being, often being in homes or attached to shops, & becoming vital links in developing communities. Robin illustrated his talk with a collection of interesting historical postal data, some items showing numerous postmarks covering the journey made by items of mail.

40 members plus 5 visitors were present. We welcomed two new members, Robin Scott & Eric Rose.

COMING EVENTS.....Your committee is planning an open night for 2 June meeting. Instead of a speaker, members will be encouraged to make good use of the group library facilities, the Birth, Death & Marriage indexes & microfiche readers will be there to use, with help for newer members, & a computer corner will also be set up. Time for discussion, research, & questions. We hope for a good informal mix & mingle night. Don't forget the sales table for forms, charts etc, these will be displayed, & there will be a raffle, so be sure to be there.

JULY..... Mr Andrew Malcolm, Director of Kapiti Coast Funeral Home will be our guest speaker.

SUGGESTIONS.....Have any members any ideas to put forward or suggestions for group activities? Committee are receptive to participation from the group, & want to prepare a programme to cover as wide a field as possible, & be as helpful as possible. Do you want more tuition? In what form? More research time on group resources? Weekends, evenings? More group trips to resource venues? Please come forward & give us your thoughts....

PROMOTED TO A HIGHER LEVEL.....Funny how with the passing of time a modest household item which was in every home not too many generations ago, & one that was always kept well out of sight, can, in the 1990's become an object of interest, a conversation piece or something to grace the entrance hall. The humble china chamber pot, a survivor from an ancestor's home, adorned with hand painted roses, takes pride of place on the old oak sideboard, & is the container for a beautiful african violet. The Gozunder has surely become the Gozupon.

JANET REAKES.....Following the Annual Conference & AGM of the Society, where she will be lecturing, Janet Reakes, the well known Australian Genealogist will be coming to Wellington, to present a lecture at the Dominion Museum Theatre, (East side entrance) at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19 May. There will be a door charge of \$5.00. Not to be missed, so mark your calendar now.

OTAGO EARLY SETTLERS MUSEUM.....The Otago Early Settlers Museum is building up a surname index of early settlers. If you would like to contribute family details, cards to submit names on are available from the Museum, PO Box 840, DUNEDIN. (from May 1993 Wellington newsletter).

1993 CONFERENCE & AGM.....Palmerston North Group of NZSG is hosting this year's conference at the AGHort Lecture Complex Massey University, 14 - 16 May. Theme 'Tracking the Lines'. A party from Kapiti Group will be attending. We wish Palmerston North Group every success in this big undertaking.

DANISH MIGRATION TO NEW ZEALAND.....Two people who are working on a book are appealing for information regarding Danes who came to New Zealand before 1915. One is particularly interested in any who belonged to the Danish Masonic Lodge. If you can offer any assistance then write to -
Kjeld Lykke Mejer Jensen.

Lundbyhovegads
470 Lundby
DENMARK

(from Feb 1993 Canterbury newsletter, via May Wellington newsletter).

It is with great pleasure we welcome Mr Eric Rose as a new member to Kapiti Group. Eric, who has recently moved to Waikanae to live, was a former chairman of Wellington Group, and convenor of the Wellington Computers in Genealogy Group. He has also been a Guest Speaker at Kapiti meetings. Eric has travelled overseas in his quest for family history, & has visited the repositories at Salt Lake City, amassing a large collection of entries of the name ROSE.

WELLINGTON GROUP.....May meeting. 'What to do if my ancestor died in Scotland' Do you have Scottish ancestry? If so you should come along to the May meeting & hear Bruce Ralston talking about family history research in Scotland. Meeting starts in Connolly Hall, Gullford Tce, at 7.30pm on 17 May (Monday).

(Bruce addressed our Group last year on this subject, however, newer members who may have missed him could be interested to attend the Wellington meeting. If so, make yourself known as Kapiti members).

VOLUNTEERS.....Our Projects Officers, Carol & Mark are calling for volunteers. Transcribers are required to assist at Whenua Tapu Cemetery. 10am start, Sunday 6 June. Bring... warm clothing, pens, clipboards, lunch? Cemetery record forms will be provided. Neatness & Accuracy is absolutely essential for this job. Much of the headstone transcribing of this project has already been done, by Carol & Mark & helpers, & they have done a major part of the data entry of these records.

OUR FOREMOTHERS.....from 'The Tartan & the Gold', The complete colonist's outfit, recommended by a nineteenth century 'Handbook' for Intending Emigrants', for a labouring man's wife setting out for the Southern settlements of New Zealand: 12 calico chemises, 4 petticoats, 2 flannel petticoats, 18 pairs cotton stockings, 2 pairs shoes, 1 pair boots, 3 cotton dresses, 2 bonnets, 6 towels, tapes, needles, cotton etc.

MAPS.....Barbara Humpage has available the following O/S U K Maps:
Lancaster & Morecombe district map 1992, 6 1/2" to 1 mile;
Lancaster & Kendal area 1" map 1940/1950's; Bala & Welshpool, Truro &
Falmouth, Denbigh (Wales), London N.W. all 1" maps.
Orkney Isles; Bristol & Bath; Bristol street map; Preston street map
1950's; Preston street map 1940; Preston & Accrington area c.1913;
Kendal street map, Carlisle street map, Harrogate street map, all 1992.
Irish family names map.
Book of tombstones & memorials of St Mary's Priory Church, Lancaster.

If your interest lies in these areas, you may like to refer to Barbara's
maps.

DEFINITION OF A GENEALOGIST.....(from a back number of NZSG magazine):
A full-time detective, a thorough historian, an inveterate snoop, a
confirmed diplomat, a keen observer, a hardened sceptic, an apt
biographer, a qualified linguist, a part-time lawyer, a studious
sociologist & an accurate reporter. (And a complete nut)!!

"STRAYS" IN SWANSEA, WALES

by Nola Buzza

I have recently been searching for my husband's Cornish great great grandparents on the 1851 census for Swansea, Glamorgan-shire, Wales, following a clue from the Victorian marriage certificate of their youngest child which listed his place of birth as Swansea (circa 1846). My interest was aroused by the large number of people living in Swansea who had been born in other parts of the world. I started to list these "strays" but found it to be impossible in the time available, so I have listed the birthplaces with the hope that it may prove helpful for other family historians with missing ancestors.

Every country of England, most counties of Scotland and Ireland, Austria, France, Holland, Germany, Italy, Poland, Barbados, the Channel Islands and America.

Film number 104215 may be ordered through the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints Family History Centres for a \$6.00 charge. Surely money well spent if you find, as I did, an "out-or-area" family that you have been looking for.

*2 Items from Ancestor
Magazine Winter 1992*

Many people in Australia who are researching their family history fail to see the connection with Brazil. It should be remembered that a large number of sailing ships, including the First Fleet, called at Rio de Janeiro on the voyage from the British Isles to Australia, and Brazilian records of these ships exist. In the 19th century, much of the commerce in the larger Brazilian cities was controlled by the British, and Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo in particular had large British and Irish communities. There were frequent instances where British and Irish families emigrated to Brazil, and after some years continued on to finally settle in Australia. In these cases, births, deaths and marriages which took place in Brazil are of course recorded in the church registers. Perhaps you might like to mention this information in your journal as an item of general interest, as I believe that many of your members have not imagined the possibility of records of their ancestors and the voyage to Australia existing in Brazil. It could be a new and unexpected source of information for them.

Yours sincerely,

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