

Kapiti Branch N.Z.S.G.

OCTOBER 1999

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Meeting Information

Tonight's Meeting:

Annual General Meeting: OCTOBER 27TH, 1999.

There is still a need for at least 2 more members to come forward for the new committee. Please consider this carefully and remember if we do not have a committee there will be no genealogy group for you to attend.

The guest speaker at this meeting will be our own Sue Greene from Otaki. Her chosen subject will be "What is on Certificates". Our pre-arranged speaker is unable to attend and Sue has kindly agreed to help us out.

LAST MEETING OF 1999 WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER.



"LAST CHANCE"

Tonight is your last chance to purchase a world trip for \$2
Buy your raffle ticket and be into win the first prize of a world trip for only \$2



New Zealand
Society
of
Genealogists,
Kapiti Branch
P O Box 6,
Paraparaumu.

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

Branch Library
opens 7.00pm.



Supper Helpers



To assist the committee,
they are asking members
to please help with
supper, particularly the
serving & washing up.
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!!!! Notice Board !!!!

The latest list of the Groups Microfiche & CD's (from February 1998) is available from the sales table - Price = 10 cents.

Have you changed your telephone number and/or address recently. Please advise Barbara Humpage of these changes at the sales table as soon as possible.

The group requires a Liaison Person or Persons for the 'Family History Month' to be held in March 2000 and which is designed to help promote Family History at this time in our area. Ideas for publicity are, displays at Coastlands and the District Libraries. **!!!!Please contact one of the committee members if you would like to help out!!!!**

New address for the Genealogical Society of Victoria is - Level 6, Lumley House, 179 Queen Street, Melbourne, Australia.

NZSG Research Services.

Current prices for certificates, in NZ dollars, are:

ENGLISH CERTIFICATES AND PROBATES

GRO Certificates	\$25-50..
Probates (Wills) pre-1858	\$16-00..
Probates 1858-1943	\$16-50..

AUSTRALIAN CERTIFICATES

New South Wales	\$25-50..
Victoria	\$22-00..
Western Australia	\$21-80..
Tasmania	\$2-00..
Queensland (with Ref No.)	\$22-50..
(without Ref No.)	\$27-50..

A stamped addressed envelope must be included with all requests.

Strays Collection, NZ Society of Genealogists

Strays from the following sources have been added to the Collection since publication of the list which appeared in The New Zealand Genealogist Jan/Feb 1999 page 24.

Zealand Engineers. Engineers born before 1865.

Flockhouse (Manawatu) boys and girls 1924-1931.

Imperial War Graves Commission, London (1933): The War Graves of the British Empire: The Register of the names of those who died during the Great War and shortly after and are buried in Cemeteries in the Military Districts of Auckland and Wellington, NZ, in Western Samoa and in Fiji and the Society Islands. Includes Service details and in many cases also actual grave location, full name, address and maiden name of spouse and name and address of parents.

Norfolk Island. Strays buried in the Colonial Era Cemetery.

Otago Daily Times. Births, marriages and deaths 1871.

Otago Daily Times. Births, marriages and deaths 1874.

Wellington Tribune 1874-1875. Births, marriages and deaths.

Data submission and search request forms, as well as copies of the Fact Sheet for the Strays Collection, can be obtained by sending a long stamped addressed envelope, quoting your membership number, to the Strays Officer.

Information on the service can also be found on the Society's home page: <http://www.genealogy.org.nz>

Many entries from the early newspapers include information relating to occupation, military service, whether an obituary has been published and other useful information perhaps not already known to the researcher. Therefore, whether your ancestor is lost or found, a search of the Strays Collection may be beneficial to your research.

I am at present extracting Strays from The Cyclopedia of NZ Volume 2 Auckland Provincial District 1902. Your contributions would also be welcome. See the above website or the Fact Sheet to find out where Strays can be found and don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to find out more about helping to build up this unique Collection which now totals just over 8500.

If you would like to be kept up to date with what the Collection holds, please send your email address or four long stamped addressed envelopes to: Lyane Kendall, Strays Officer, P.O. Box 143, Westpark Village, Waitakere. Email: lyanek@xtra.co.nz

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Can all members with **LIBRARY BOOKS, PLEASE** return them at the November meeting. There are still a number **OVERDUE**, so **PLEASE** check your bookshelves now.

Please do not forget to make use of the Members Interests Index and the National Library Family History Holdings, on display at our meetings.

Otaki Group celebrate at their Meeting on Thursday 28 October 1999.

All are welcome at 7-30 pm at the Otaki Library.

As November 24, is our last meeting for 1999, we ask that **ALL** members bring a plate of food and your thinking caps and some piece of interesting Memorabilia to talk about.

⇒ From the Editor this small piece of verse that you may appreciate especially if you have been searching the census disc's recently.

It was the first day of census, and all through the land each pollster was ready... a black book in hand.

He mounted his horse for a long dust ride, his book and some quills were tucked close by his side.

A long winding ride down a road barely there, towards the smell of fresh bread wafting, up through the air.

The woman was tired, with lines on her face and wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place.

She gave him some water...as they sat at the table and she answered his questions... the best she was able.

He asked her of children. Yes, she had quite a few.

The oldest was twenty, the youngest not

two.

She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red.

His sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.

She noted each person who lived there with pride, and she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside.

He noted the sex, the color, the age... the marks from the quill soon filled up the page.

At the number of children, she nodded her head and saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead.

The places of birth she "never forgot" ...was it Kanas? Or Utah? or Oregon... or not?

They came from Scotland, of that she was clear.

But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.

They spoke of employment, of schooling and such.

They could read some...and write some...though really not much

When the questions were answered, his job there was done so he mounted his horse and he rode towards the sun.

We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear, "May God bless you all for another ten years." Now picture a time warp...it's now you search for the people on our family tree.

We squint at the census and scroll down so slow as we search for that entry from long, long ago.

Could they only imagine on that long ago day that the entries they made would effect us this way?

If they knew would they wonder at the yearning we feel and the searching that makes them so increasingly real.

We can hear if we listen the words they impart through their blood in our veins and their voices in our heart.