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## KAPITI BRANCH N.Z.S.G.

New Zealand Society of Genealogists 53  
Donovan Road, Paraparaumu Beach

Meetings held at Paraparaumu Public Library,  
Rimu Road, Paraparaumu

4th Thursdays of months January to November at 7.30 pm  
February 2003

### PROGRAMME

27th Feb Surprise! Surprise! 27th Mar To be arranged



### NOTICES

WELCOME to New Member Don Niccol

SCOTTISH GROUP MEETINGS, for those interested the GREATER WELLINGTON GROUP is meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 1st 2003 at the National Library, Molesworth Street, Wellington. More information from Pen Brown ph (04) 389-7211, or e-mail:

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The CENTRAL DISTRICTS SCOTTISH INTEREST GROUP is holding a research day at the Newbury School Hall, on SH3 a few kms west of Palmerston North on Saturday 22nd March 2003 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Door charge \$3. BYO lunch, morning & afternoon tea provided. Fiche and books have been ordered from Auckland. Please bring along your own useful information to share with others. There will be discussion on WEB sites (c.11.30 a.m.) Should be of special interest for those new to internet research. Grace Phillips will prepare a note of some of these WEB sites, but would like information on your favourites before the end of February. Her e-mail is

[g.p.phillips@xtra.co.nz](mailto:g.p.phillips@xtra.co.nz)

SUPPER HELPERS are no longer required as the facilities are limited

LIBRARY Negotiations on getting our books catalogued and into a working system for lending out are taking longer than we had hoped for, as Library staff are still busy with their own teething problems. So, for the time being, while members can look at those we have on display in the Library, they are not able to take them home. Committee member, John Glover, is liaising with the District Librarian on this. Procedures on accessing microfiche and other material from our cupboards were detailed in the last newsletter, but repeated here: Members can use our library books, microfiche etc. during Library hours provided they hold a current membership card for our Branch, they can get the key from the Library Help Desk upstairs (or nearby staff workroom) on signing our genealogy branch register. There is also a Report Book, for members to note any problems or comments they wish to make. (Only helpful ones, please!)

THE W.E.A. GENEALOGY COURSE has nothing to do with our Branch in spite of rumours. Our Convenor was advised of it in advance.

ARTIST(S) WANTED Is there anyone among our membership who is artistically inclined who could design posters/publicity material for a resource kit that could be used for Genealogy Open Days or to show interested school classes visiting the library? Please contact our Publicity Person, Gerald Twiss ph.902-0926 or e-mail [gero@@ihug.co.nz](mailto:gero@@ihug.co.nz)

**SCANDINAVIAN IMMIGRANTS** (Source AJHR 1871 ,D - No.3,6) .....

The Hon. Dr. Featherston to Messrs. Henderson Brothers.

Sir,

Referring to our conversation of yesterday, I now, on behalf of the Government of New Zetland, authorise you to select and send out to New Zetland twenty adult emigrants, native of Sweden. The emigrants, if possible, to be young married couples, with not more than two children to each couple; but in the event of your being unable to obtain ten married couples, you are at liberty to send an equivalent number of young unmarried men and women.

As the main object in sending out this lot of emigrants is that they may report to their friends in Sweden fully upon New Zetland as a field for emigration it is desirable that they should be taken not from one locality only, but from as many different districts as possible, so that any reports they may send home may circulate widely throughout the country.

These emigrants will have to be sent either to London or Glasgow, where they will embark for New Zetland; but before sending them you will have the goodness to communicate with Mr. Morrison, the

Agent of the New Zetland Government in London, who will advise you of the date of sailing of a vessel from one or other of these ports for New Zetland  
 Instead of waiting until the whole number has been secured, there is no objection to your sending off two or three couples at a time; but it is important that the whole batch should be despatched before the close of the present emigration season.  
 The New Zetland Government will defray the whole cost of their passage (including provisions) of these emigrants from Gotteburgh to London or Glasgow, and thence to New Zetland; and Mr. Morrison will be authorised to make the necessary payments.  
 Should this experiment result in establishing a continuous stream of emigration from this country to New Zealand, the Government will inform you of the extent of assistance they will in future afford to emigrants, and will be prepared to enter into the usual agreements with your firm as their agents.

I have &c., I.E.  
 Featherston  
 One of the New Zealand Commissioners, and a  
 Member of the New Zealand Government

*From the NZSG European Interest Group's December 2002 newsletter*

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LYANE KENDALL ON STRAYS & MORE UPDATE

STRAYS

Many of us will already know that a Stray is anyone who had left a record of a marriage, death, employment or any other event in a state, county or country other than that where he or she was born.

&MORE The majority of entries included in this Collection contain information that you may not know about your ancestors, such as:

- a) Date and place of birth, marriage or death
- b) Name of spouse and parents
- c) Employment
- d) War service
- e) Where they lived.

Even if you have "found" your ancestor it is worthwhile checking to see if there is an entry relating to the person you are researching.

A name index to the Collection can now be searched on the NZSG's website: <http://www.genealogy.org.nz> Go to: Services/Record Collections/Strays & More Collection. In the section "What information can I obtain about Strays" you will find alphabetical links. Once you have found the entry you are looking for, fill in the online search request form to obtain more information from that particular entry. Please spell the names exactly as they appear in the index and limit your requests to no more than six entries at a time. Postal requests can still be accepted on the search request form, copies of which can be obtained by writing to the Strays Officer: Lyane Kendall, P.O. Box 143, Westpark Marina, Waitakere, 1250

Also just added to the site are links to examples from various sources showing Strays. The index has also been loaded on the computers in the NZSG Library at the Family Research Centre, Panmure.

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