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

Meetings held at Masonic Lodge Rooms,  
Tatarua Street, Paraparaumu  
4th Wednesdays of months January to November at 7.30 pm  
**January 2002**

**PROGRAMME Jan 23rd** Our  
first meeting of 2002. Discussion on BDM  
Issues **Feb 27th**  
To be arranged

**NOTICES**

SUBS ARE DUE! Still \$15 single & \$25 double NEW MEMBERS Ross Traill and Joyce Harrison "IRISH ROOTS" For those of you who subscribe to this Round Robin magazine, there has been an enormous hold-up and these have not been sent to New Zealand for some time. However, back issues are expected any day now. Just keep you fingers crossed.

**GARAGE SALE.** We propose holding a garage sale in March 2002. Please save any goods that could help with this and advise any Committee member. More details later **LUCKY DRAW** Your Committee proposes have an occasional Lucky Draw at some meetings. You have to be there and also be a financial member to participate **IMPRINT 2002** Putting you Family History in Print Seminar to be held in Auckland 27th-28th July 2002. Ask for details if interested.

**Supper Helpers**

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

**Jan 2002 P-R Feb S-T**

**THE POOR LAW - A COMPARISON OF  
ADMINISTRATION IN TWO (UK) COUNTIES**  
*Kay Dallas (from the GFHS Journal 58)*

During the course of researching my family, I found examples of the different treatment meted out under the Poor Laws by two counties.

MIDDLESEX - Richard IREDALE (b. Leighton Buzzard) and Eleanor GILL (b. Kings Langley) married at Hemel Hempstead HRT in 1799 and then moved to Roxeth, Harrow on the Hill MDX

about 1810. Richard's parents were inkeepers in BDF and woned land and tenements, and his marriage bond was for £200. Richard died at Roxeth in 1822, and for several years from then his widow, Eleanor, was provided with poor relief from that parish to help bring up her children. Eleanor continued to live there until her own death in 1852, by which time she was described as a 'pauper'. Richard must, therefore, have acquired a settlement in Roxeth. Neither he, nor his father, has been born, nor had he served an apprenticeship there. However, as a baker he may well have paid the church rate on a property in the parish for about ten years before he died, or been able to acquire the settlement as a result of having worked the requisite 365 consecutive days.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE - John COOK was born in the parish of St. Giles CAM, where he became a bricklayers labourer. He married in the parish and all his ten children were baptised there. However, since he had never paid the church rate on a parish property, nor been apprenticed to a settled resident, nor worked gthe full 365 days, he never gained a settlement in St Giles. In 1827 John fell ill and sought parish relief. This was denied and John, his wife and youngner children, including a two-week old baby, wer ordered to be removed to Elsworth. This is a village some miles to the west of the city in which John's father had been born, but which he had left at the age of 22. When the order was made, John was too ill to travel and the order was rescinded, but following his death a few weeks later, his widow and children were removed to Elsworth, a parish with which the family had had no connection since John's

father had left it over 50 years before. This incoming family was probably not welcomed with open arms! Although one must not come to a conclusion on just two cases, it would be interesting to know whether other members have come across other examples to confirm or dispute my immediate reaction, which is that the system operated against the more poverty-stricken of the two families?

### **GLOBAL WARMING**

Poor Eskimo Joe was feeling so low  
He was sad and soaked right through  
In this sorry plight he stood on the site  
Where once stood his showhouse igloo

He'd built his home in the shape of a dome To  
keep the harsh weather at bay. Now here I must  
mention it was his intention To build them for  
those who could pay

Now he didn't shirk at the thought of hard work  
And he built a few dozen or so Hoping the fruit  
of his laborious pursuit Would make his bank  
balance grow

Now he felt such a fool standing there in a pool  
As he soaked up the grim situation.  
.His assets should have froze but world temperatures rose  
And he found himself in liquidation.

*Joe Plews, Newcastle-upon-Tyne*

**U.K. 1901 CENSUS** Was anyone able to access this in the brief period it appeared on line? Apparently the response was so great that the Web site could not cope, so it was closed down. We will just have to wait and see what happens.

**NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGY** new office opens in Auckland on 22nd February by Dame Sylvia Cartwright

**INTRODUCING GLADIS** Archives New Zealand is moving away from its traditional paper-based finding aids and into the 21st century, with the launch of an automated documentation system called GLADIS (Government Locator, Archival Documentation and Information System). It will be built over the next five years and will cost \$7.6 million.

GLADIS will complement the recently commissioned ELMS (Electronic List Management System) and will also provide the documentation base needed to support interdependencies between Archives and agency systems in the creation and management of electronic records. [Outreach, Newsletter of Archives New Zealand Spring 2001 via the Wellington Branch Newsletter]

***Ed. comment: Will this mean another hike in prices for our genealogical researching, after the Births Deaths A Marriage affair?***

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*A family tree can wither if nobody tends its roots*

*If only people came with pull-down menus and on-line help*

*It's an unusual family that hath neither a lady of the evening nor a thief.*