



KAPITI BRANCH N.Z.S.G.
New Zealand Society of Genealogists
P.O. Box 6, Paraparaumu

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

Jul. 2000

PROGRAMME

Jul. 26th "Alexander Turnbull Photos' Joan McCracken
Aug.23rd **Cafe Evening** Sep.27th
To be arranged

NOTICES

At the August Cafe evening please bring along any items of interest that you have researched that you would like to share with us.

L.D.S. Family History Rooms are now back in their old quarters on the corner of Ngatitoa & Chapel Streets, Porirua (off the Titahi Bay Road) They were closed for the move, as some you may have discovered. They opened again on 26th June and their hours will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays to Wednesdays.

RESEARCH WEEKEND

We will be holding a Research Weekend 26th & 27th August, 10am to 4pm at the Scout Hall, Te Kupe Road, Paraparaumu Beach. Entrance fee \$5 per day or \$7.50 for the two days. Bring a friend to learn more about tracing their ancestors - or yours.

Can you help set up on the Friday night, or with manning the display over the weekend? If so, please contact a committee member.

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Supper Helpers

To assist the Committee, will members please help with supper duties, particularly the serving and washing up. Jul W-Z
Aug A-B

ST. CATHERINE'S HOUSE

1. An incredible number of your ancestors will be born, get married, or die in the first two quarters of 1837
2. Those who couldn't manage this will be found in index volumes that are invariably a) removed for rebinding, b) in use by a deaf old lady who appears to be learning that volume by heart, or c) in a bay occupied by an American family with 12 children, looking for a John Smith of London.

CENSUSES

1. Ancestors in huge numbers die, emigrated, or went into hiding in the early days of March 1851, so as to avoid revealing their place of birth in the 1851 census.
2. Those who stayed to brave it out apparently threatened the enumerator with dogs, shotguns, or bubonic plague, so that he stayed outside the door, lists the children by initial only and got the ages wrong.

PARISH RECORDS

1. Your ancestors liked living in parishes where the clerk wrote up the registers with a pitchfork dipped in soot.
2. Their memory inspired such affection in the parish that the Vicar cannot bear to part with any documents that contain their records, but keep these safely in a box with other parish valuables, such as the choirboys' football boots and the Girl Guides' mascot (the goat).

RECORDS OFFICES

1. If you are working in a distant record office, however long you have been there, the first trace of the family you are seeking will emerge five minutes before closing time on your last day

RELIGION

All ancestors are irresistibly attracted to the Seventh-Day Peculiar Reformed Baptists, a sect with a conscientious objection to putting anything down on paper

(Thanks go to Angela Finnerty for this enlightenment on genealogical research)

LIBRARY REPORT

In June the Library display was the Arthur Mee "Kings of England" series, but not as reference books as before. You will now be able to take these home for a month and read them at your leisure. These are for:- London - Derbyshire - Yorkshire (North Riding) - Kent -Sussex - Surrey - The Lakes - Cornwall - Enchanted Land -Lancashire. Also the following:- Dorset by John Hymas, North-East and East Kent by John Newman and the Little Guides of Norfolk

New this month are 5 videos all on genealogy, with the usual borrowing time of 1 month. Three videos by Janet Reakes on How to Trace Your Family Tree, highly recommended for beginners and of interest to others, so check them out. There is one video on National Archives

and the final one is a video of the **Kapiti Group Workshop in Waikanae**, a T.V. appearance on Saturn taken a year or two ago.

There are no new books this month, but there will be a display on our holdings of **Shipping & Immigration**, you will be surprised at what we have.

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KAPITI MICROFICHE HOLDINGS

New members might not be aware of the amount of information held by the Kapiti Genealogical group on microfiche. I recently delved into the box marked "New Zealand Miscellaneous" to find so much information on:- Government and Gazette lists, which included New Zealand Public School Teachers 1907, Public Service Appointments 1912-1927, Sheepowners Returns (yes, my grandfather was mentioned!). In the Military section were NZ contingents to the Boer War as well as WWI and WWII. There is quite a bit on Otago and Southland Settlers, and also Public Trust (1901) and Death Duty registers (1867-1914) for Canterbury. Petitions to Parliament for 1854-1975, Machinery and Mining Accidents. And so much more. I was hunting the Shipping Records, but most of these were prior to 1890, and I am trying to find what ship my grandmother came out on. It would have to be late 1891 or early 1892. The microfiche gave me where to find some of the shipboard diaries for that time frame, giving me another avenue to pursue.

The Australia and the United Kingdom are not forgotten, as New South Wales and Victoria and the Southern British counties are prominent. Scotland and Ireland are also mentioned. Then the International Genealogical Index for 1988 is there, too. This means you can borrow a microfiche and study this information at leisure in your own home.

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TRIVIA In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes - when you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. That's where the phrase "good night, sleep tight" came from

		CIVIL REGISTRATION	1 Jan		
		Dates of Commencement	1 Dec	1 Sep	1 Jun
BRITAIN:	England & Wales		1 July	1831	
	Scotland		1 Jan	1855	
	Ireland (Protestant M)		1 Jan	1864	
	Ireland (All) Channel		1 Jan	1842	
	Islands (-Jersey) Jersey		1 Jan	1884	
	Isle of Man (B & D) Isle of Man		1 Jan	1928	
	(M) Adoptions: England & Wales		1 Jan	1838	
	Isle of Man		1 Jan	1842	
	Scotland		1 Jan		
AUSTRALIA	Tasmania		1 Jan		
	Western Australia				
	South Australia				
	Victoria				
	N.S.W (incl.Queensland 1859)				
	Northern Territory				
	Norfolk Island		1 Jul	1 Mar	
	Australian Capital Territorie		1856	18 May	1870
			1 Jan	1881	
NEW ZEALAND			1 Jan	1930	
			1 Jan	1848	

(Taken from the Taupo newsletter)

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FLOOR: The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.

How can one ancestor cause so much TROUBLE?

Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem leads to two more!

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