

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
June 2003

PROGRAMME

26th June Bev. McCombs on The Ascot Martyrs (Ascot-under-Wychwood) 1873 24th
July Guest speaker Graeme Constable, President NZSG 28th Aug. Sherwood
Young "The Dictionary of N.Z. Biography"- Police & Criminal interest

NOTICES

WELCOME to New Member Rosemary Shardlow

CALLING FOR ARTISTS. There is to be a Heritage/Social History week between 4th and 10th August for which we would like to put on a genealogy display, but we will need suitable material to display. Can any of our members help? Val Freeman (Phone 298-7396) is the person to contact. In the past she and Barbara Humpage have worked on our displays for Heritage Week, but, with Barbara's departure, Val cannot do it on her own. Any forthcoming artistic material will then be saved for future special occasions,

LIBRARY BOOKS We are still working on an interim system for members to access our library books. The key for our cupboards is now downstairs at the Library Information Desk inside the front door. You will be asked to sign the book ~wTierrgewngTne-Key—mease remenrtwr YOU are then responsible for returning it, after locking the cupboards, when you have finished. If any other member wants to continue, they must then sign on downstairs, and the responsibility will be theirs. There will be a trolleyload of books available on meeting nights at 7 p.m. that members can take home, after booking them out as under the old system. The Wednesday morning roster in our Genealogy Section is going well on the whole.

DONATION Angela Milsted has donated a copy of "In Search of Elisa Marchetti" by Tessa Duden to our library. Many thanks, Angela.

BUY, SELL OR SWAP A member has 50 copies of Practical Family History and 30 copies of Family Tree Magazine for sale. While these are back copies, they could be of interest to members new to family tree hunting. Price is negotiable.

RIDES TO MEETINGS If any members can offer a lift to those who don't drive at night and wish to come to meetings; Or if you are a member who would come if a ride is available; Contact Alison Phone 904-3229 CONGRATULATIONS to Derek Griffis, who, we understand, has finished his book. Perhaps we will hear more about it at some later date.

DID YOU KNOW? Although the next Census is not until 2006, Statistics NZ want to know what WE think before the 27th June 2003. Hopefully some of us genealogists have already picked up discussion documents and submission forms from the Public Library (or at www.stats.govt.nz, toll free phone 0508 236 787 or e-mail census2006@@stats.govt.nz. The New Zealand Government has considered incredible amounts of historical information to be rubbish. Our census documents are all destroyed after The Statistics Dept has got what they want from them. If we don't protect current information NOW future generations will miss out. If these documents are kept and released to public view after 100 years, as they have always been in the United Kingdom and the USA, our descendants will easily find out those things that we have found so hard to piece together about our New Zealand Ancestors. We need to tell the Government now what we want done with this information, otherwise it will become just another victim of the Privacy Act before the Census is even taken *Thanks to the Wairarapa Branch for this information.*

REPORT ON REGIONAL MEETING Sue Greene from Otaki has been accepted onto the NZSG Council. Congratulations, Sue. - Pam Edmonds (Porirua) reported that she had contacted Tranz Rail re grants available to clubs through the ferries - the only problem being that the ferries have not had gaming machines on board for some years! Where does that leave us? - A schools "look-up" officer who will be able to lookup all New Zealand schools. Council is looking into settling up email requests, but some of the finer details need sorting out first.. - The NZSG will be holding the Australasian Federation of Family History Societies Congress in Auckland in 2009 (*Something to look forward to*). -The NZSG is still battling the increased charges for BDM Certificates and has asked that the question on this price rise be raised in Parliament, which will have three weeks in which to reply. Branches are urged to keep on writing to George Hawkins and Helen Clark (The latter is Minister of Cultural and Heritage). The Greater Wellington Scottish Interest Sub-Group next meeting will hold a research afternoon on Sunday 6th July 2003 1 -4 p.m. at the Hutt Bridge Club rooms, Park Avenue, Avalon, Lower Hutt. The following meeting will be on Sunday 5th October 2003 1-4p.m. at St. Giles Church Lounge, Kilburnie, Wellington. Anyone interested should contact Pen Brown (04)389-7211

ENGLISH ORIGINS - New Data - Boyd's Marriage Index. Origins.net in association with the Society of Genealogists, announce that the following five counties are now available for searching the Boyd's Marriage Index:- Devon, Lancashire, Durham, Northumberland, Cumberland. This now brings the total number of Boyd's records on English Origins to over 3.5 million. For further details on Boyd's Marriages Indexes go to www.englishorigins.com/bmi

LOOKING FOR PROBATES? If you are searching the the North of England, these are not held in Canterbury Court, but can be obtained through the University of York's Borthwick Institute. This is not done through the NZSG, but I wrote direct to the Institute with my fee and three weeks later I received copies of the Wills I was looking for. (1696 and 1762)

SHERRY IRVINE'S VISIT This seems to have been quite a marathon, with three sessions over the day, which proved exhausting. Sherry comes from Victoria B.C., Canada and has written several books. Apparently, she is more interested in researching the distant past (such as the 1500s and 1600s), and some of our members wished for information nearer the present. Deborah Shuker gave me a list of some of the items Sherry has researched, which can be found on her Web site: www.ancestry.com/ Browse the library/enter Sherry Irvine in the search box. Early information is free. Your editor holds the list provided by Deborah, if anyone is interested.

POLICING THE ENGLISH A.Breen Irish Roots November 2002. "Between 1805 and 1830 some 17516 prisoners had been sentenced to death, though the Crown's prerogative of mercy, resulting normally in transportation, had been exercised in all but 1917 cases" *This information supplied by Deborah Shuker.*

ITEM FROM GEORGE WATSON

My cousin, who is a member of the Lancashire FHS, tells me that "a team of us are transcribing the Births, Marriages and Death Indexes for Blackburn so that they can go on the internet. It is a long process and will take several years, however the first results are on the net, you can find them at www.lancashirebmd.org.uk it is a good site and worth a visit, it contains many returns from the Salford and Oldham district. It might be worth passing this information on to people who are looking for references to Certificates in this part of the world. As yet Blackburn is concentrating on the Marriage Index, but in time the Births and Marriages will follow."

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