

Meetings held at Masonic Lodge

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

Paraparaumu Street, Paraparaumu  
Wednesdays of months January to  
November at 7.30  
p.m. **March 2001**



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**PROGRAMMES**

**Mar. 28th** The Computer Group will give a demonstration **Apr. 25th** John MacGibbon "Struan's War" **May 23rd** Cafe Evening: Theme "**Grandparents' Traditions\***

**NOTICES**

**SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE** \$15 single & \$25 double **ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOPS** Alexander Turnbull Library is offering one-day workshops on oral history, taught by Judith Fyfe, lawyer and oral historian. As numbers are limited to 16, enrolment is essential. Forms from the Turnbull Library P.O.Box 12349, Wellington. Dates Saturday 31 st March or Saturday 28th April 8.45-4pm *Essentials of Oral History Research* and 16th June 8.45-4pm *Taping Seriously, fee:* \$150 each session (\$110 for Community Service Card holders or full-time students.

**OPEN DAY/RESEARCH DAY** is in Hastings on Saturday, 21st April 2001 9am to 4pm

**AN APPEAL** from Gore Genealogy Branch. To celebrate their 25th Anniversary they plan to create a Register of Early Settlers pre 1950. The areas to be covered include Fortrose, Waikawa, Otara, and up to Waikaia, Lumsden, Tapanui, Heriot, and down to Wyndham, Redan-Mokoreta, Matura Island and everything in between. If anyone can supply early settlers names for an index it would help them

**Supper Helpers**

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

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**CATCHING UP WITH THE REGION.** The Southern North Island Regional Meeting of NZSG was held in Levin on 24th February 2001, with representatives from as far afield as Hawkes Bay and Taihape to Wellington. We heard that the proposed opening date for the new NZSG premises in Auckland is February 2002 and facilities will be available for members' research there. A training programme for volunteers to man them will be set up beforehand. The meeting was relieved to hear that Auckland's planned rapid rail/motorway will not be going through the centre.

There has been a problem with the Library Catalogue going On-Line, and the unexpected resignation on the NZSG Councillor has not helped. However, a replacement has been found, but it could take time before she is fully into it.

The Society's Annual Conference & A.G.M is being held in New Plymouth between 1st and 4th June 2001. Are you going? Have you received your Registration Form?

Members will be interested to learn that the re-joining fee for past NZSG members wishing to renew their membership no longer applies, and any member who has paid is asked to write to the Secretary claiming a refund, or transfer of credit towards next year's subscription.

The Cemetery Microfiche is to be supplemented.

Discussion was held on whether data should be collected relating to living people. Some were concerned that some personal records were available on InterNet without their permission. If this policy was implemented there would be a blackout on records that could relate to these people for 100 years and would impact on NZSG collections, school records and family history works that included live people. If members want personal information removed from the NZSG Index and the Pedigree Collection they need to write to the Secretary with this request.

The Branches gave their reports, many of them on the progress made in collecting school records in their area. The Wairarapa Branch opened a Centre in Masterton last year and have collected 365 names in their Visitors' Book so far. They are open for 15 hours a week. Wanganui Branch Group's laptop is being used at City College and inputting of other

schools APWs if continuing on the Branch computer at the Wanganui District Library. Otaki has raised over \$300 at their Market Day raffle to go towards the National Burial Index on CD-ROM from England. Porirua Branch had a speaker from the Salvation Army Tracing Service to one of their meetings. Wellington advertised the National Archives Open Day and also their "Find Granny's Grave" at the Karon Cemetery. These were some of the highlights of the day.

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#### NATIONAL ARCHIVES OPEN DAY

The balloons were out at the front door, staff were waiting inside with the "Schedule of Events" which included a floor plan and times and places where each was to take place. There was also a booklet about the Archives for everyone together with a cheerful welcome. At the reception desk, tours and films could be booked, while alongside a large whiteboard had programme details written up. Helpful staff were very much in evidence.

The heavy vault door was open off the security foyer to the exhibition hall, where the Treaty of Waitangi and other historical documents were displayed. Some of these, such as Captain Ilobson's warrant appointing him as Governor of New Zealand, had an ornate border reminiscent of the early church records. Then it was time to join the tour. A group of about 20-30 people were led off to part of the Stacks area - normally off limits to the public. Here many of the early, especially genealogical, records were kept. Along the way people in period costume stood, to explain certain documents. We met [Catherine Mansfield's "mother" explaining how she came to strike Katherine from her Will, and the process of getting Probate and executing it. Alongside her was Martha - a cook who emigrated from Ireland at some earlier time, who showed us the documents relating to her passage to New Zealand.

Further along, there was a "general" who spoke on what was and what was not "propaganda". I suspect it depended on whose side you were on as to which was which. The airforce man talked of UFO and flying saucer. Now was he from outer space? Finally came the surveyor, talking of the difficulties experienced by settlers who had bought their land, sight unseen, finding on arrival that it was more vertical than horizontal and the need for surveying. With him was a school Dental Nurse from the 1940s/50s with her spiel geared to explaining to children the need for healthy teeth. The public turned up in force, i.e. I decided not to look at the other activities, but to go back to the Archives sometime when things were quieter.

**SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS?** If you have family members celebrating a special occasion, such as 100th birthday, 50th (and upwards) Wedding Anniversary, etc. and would like them to receive a congratulatory letter from the Queen, write to: "Visits & Ceremonial Office, Department of Internal Affairs, P.O. Box 805, Wellington. There is also information on <http://www.dia.govt.nz/> Information supplied by Stratford Branch of NZSG

**RE NZSG RECORDS** for ENGLAND, CHANNEL ISLANDS & ISLE OF MAN Library and the WALES Library are now held in Auckland, so all requests should be sent to the NZSG Office P.O. Box address and marked ATTENTION: ENGLAND (or WALES) LIBRARY. Please include a 400 SAH with all requests and enquiries **DID ANYONE JOIN WELLINGTON NZSG** in looking for Granny's Grave on Sunday 25th March?

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*Odd comments: Only genealogist live in the past lane  
Gene-Allergy: It's a contagious disease, but I love it A  
new cousin a day keeps the boredom away*