



Kapiti Branch

September 2005

Convenor's Comment

Another Branch year almost over with the AGM in October. Time to reflect on the year and I will be putting the Annual Report together in the next week or so.

Treasurer Rex Roberts is finalising the books in preparation for auditing. It has been a good year, with membership continuing to grow and good attendance at Branch and COMPSIG meetings, starter courses and visits to genealogical centres of interest.

We've had almost a year in our new meeting premises and the research facilities in the Public Library benefiting from a major cash injection. However the effort to maintain this momentum depends on a hard working Committee and Appointed Officers. It does seem to be a sign of the times that finding folk to participate at Committee and Appointed Officer level is increasingly difficult. Several NZSG Branches around the country, including 2 local ones, are at risk because of this.

The AGM is a time to inject both new blood and maintain experience and I appeal to you to put yourself forward. COMPSIG too will become increasingly difficult to maintain unless we have some additional input. Nomination forms are available from myself, the Secretary and at meetings. Only members of NZSG can nominate and second.

All existing Officers and Committee members have indicated they can continue. They have made it quite clear however that they want backup and support with new faces in an understudy role. In any event we are 2 Committee members short following resignations during the year, which has meant loading portfolios onto remaining members and this cannot continue. We have had problems reaching a quorum at some Committee meetings.

At the August Branch meeting several members asked for a summary of portfolios and skills. Apart from the 3 officers - Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer, the general Committee Members (we need a minimum of 5) are appointed without portfolio and these are allocated usually at the first meeting of the new committee. All Officers and Committee members must be current financial members of NZSG.

To maintain the activities of the Branch we need persons primarily with an interest in helping others in their genealogical pursuits. It matters little how many years you have been 'doing' genealogy - the wish to assist is paramount. However to spread the workload, areas of responsibility are allocated around the committee

and off-committee appointments (the latter do not have to be NZSG members so further spreads the load amongst the wider membership). The areas additional to those in the 3 Officer portfolios include treasurer backup, research officer, membership records, projects, meeting registrar, newsletter editor, webmaster, programme and activities, publicity and fund-raising, library, hostess, magazine round robin, training and education, computer support.

Some of these are dovetailed for convenience, or as is the case at the moment, insufficient personnel. The present split of jobs is shown in the newsletter, but do not hesitate to call me or one of the other Committee folk for further information. Please come forward with offers of help.

There have been calls for additional activities such as day meetings for those who wont or cant attend evening meetings; and reverting to monthly meetings of COMPSIG. These cannot happen unless those who advocate them step forward and do some work at Committee level.

Clive Palmer

COMPSIG,-Computer SIG

At our last meeting I asked members if they were happy with the two monthly meetings as this is our first year where the meetings have been held every other month. Some did express they would be happy to go back to a monthly meeting.

This will be on the agenda at our committee meeting any decisions made members will be notified. However for this to work we will need help from members. If you're interested in helping please inform a committee member.

There is not a lot to do with the COMSIG side of the group but it would be nice to have others helping out in stead of it being left up to a couple of people.

Archives New Zealand.

Archives NZ is now online at

<http://archway.archives.govt.nz/>

You now can search the Military (NZ Army) Personnel files available at Archives Wellington (South African & some WWI) as follows:-

Go to Advanced Search

Go to Search by Reference Codes (at bottom of Advanced Search):

<http://archway.archives.govt.nz/CallExpandedItemAdvancedSearch.do>

Put 18805 in "Series" (towards bottom)

Put the name you want to search for in "Keywords" (top), and click on "Go" (You can search for surname, or even forename eg all the Percys) This will give you the Archives reference you need, ie the Box No (last part of W no. after /) and the Record No. (The Record No is Archives' own number)

If you want to search the entire site for your name leave all the other fields blank and in the keyword search type in the name you're researching.

Another site worth having a look at is Historical Directories.

<http://www.historicaldirectories.org>

Historical Directories is a digital library of local and trade directories for England and Wales, from 1750 to 1919. It contains high quality reproductions of comparatively rare books, essential tools for research into local and genealogical history

Sue Green

Notices:-

Notice of 22nd Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 22nd Annual General Meeting of the Kapiti Branch of The New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc will be held at the Kapiti Community Centre, Pak'n Save Room, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu, on Tuesday 25th October 2005, commencing at 7.45 pm. The Agenda will be:

- " Apologies
- " Confirm 2004 Minutes
- " Business arising from the Minutes
- " Convenor's Report
- " Financial Report
- " Appointment of Auditor
- " Subscriptions 2005/2006
- " Election of Officers and Committee
- " General Business

Derek Griffis (Secretary, Kapiti Branch)

Annual Subscriptions 2005/2006 year

At the Kapiti Branch Committee meeting last week the committee spent time discussing the financial year which commences on 1st October 2005. One of the matters discussed was Subscriptions and it was decided that for the financial year 2005/6, they remain unchanged and that Members be encouraged to renew their subscriptions now, which will assist considerably in spreading the membership administration work-load.

Membership Subscriptions will therefore remain at \$16.00 single and \$27.00 for a double and members are encouraged to renew their respective subscriptions now to our Treasurer, at 117 Weggery Drive, Waikanae, 6010 please make your Cheques payable to 'Kapiti Genealogy'

New Members. Welcome to new member John Bradley who has joined us since the last Newsletter

Round Robins: Have you a special area you are interested in? Perhaps there are other members also searching in the same place. Have you thought of sharing

resources? Our Club currently subscribes annually to "Family Tree Magazine", "Irish Roots" and "Australian Family Connections". Interested members pay a small fee to cover the cost and then can read and pass on. The more members interested, the lower the fee. This is one way to gather information without having to pay prohibitive subscriptions. Anyone interested should contact Meryl Opie: email opiemb@xtra.co.nz

Supper Helpers: As announced recently, now that we have kitchen facilities at our Meeting Venue we are returning to the past practice of calling for volunteers (by initials of surname) to assist with supper duties, particularly the serving and the tidying up afterwards. , August: surnames G to J

GenGuides: Following January's interesting talk by Sue GREENE on the NZSG Record Collections, all our then existing local stocks of the relevant GenGuides:- (#41 Strays & More, #43 Pre-1856 NZ Marriage Records Collection, #44 NZSG Certificates, and #45 New Zealand First Families) were exhausted. Local stocks have now been replenished and so those who missed out may obtain them this month. They are free of charge.

Ink Cartridges: This month greater prominence is being given to our periodic reminder that we are collecting used cartridges for re-cycling/fund-raising. Any inkjet or bubble cartridge is required - e.g. Canon, Hewlett Packard, Lexmark, Epson.

It is time that we put theory into practice, and to see if we can turn these into cash. We have a large number of cartridges on hand, but obviously we would like more. Shortly after the August Meeting (Tuesday 23rd) these will be taken in to the dealer, so we would be pleased to receive more at that Meeting or, if that is not convenient for you, then they may be placed in our steel cabinet at Paraparaumu Library.

Let's see whether it's been worth the effort, or whether we've all been wasting our time. Other Branches have done well. You will be kept informed of the.

Derek Griffis (Secretary)

Meeting Dates & Times

Kapiti Branch:- 7.30pm, 4th Tuesday, Jan-Nov at Kapiti Community Centre 15 Ngahina Street (near Paraparaumu Library)

Computer SIG:- 7.30pm, 2nd Monday, of every second month in the Paraparaumu Public Library (meeting room) -Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct and Dec

Kapiti Legacy Users SIG:

The next meeting will be on Saturday 29th October 2005, at the Masonic Hall in Tararua Street Paraparaumu. Doors open @ @ 1.00pm with a 2.00pm start. Subject is "Recording Resources". The entry charge is \$3.00 (For hall hire, tea and coffee).

For further details: contact Gerald Twiss: gero@ihug.co.nz or kapitilegacy@hotmail.com

Otaki Branch NZSG

Irish Research Day, Saturday 15th October 2005. Otaki Supper Room, Next to Otaki Public Library, Cnr Main Street and Aotaki Street Otaki 10.00am to 3.00pm. A day to Research your Irish heritage. Plus Raffle and Giveaways Cost \$3.00 Tea and Coffee will be provided

Feilding Branch NZSG

Road Show will be on Saturday 29th October, from 9am to approx 5pm, and will be held in the St John's Anglican Church Hall, Camden Street, Feilding. Topics will be:

" Shipping

" Photo Restoration

" Computer Short Cuts

" Legacy 5 Deluxe

" Internet Computing

" Using a Non-Genealogical Programme for your Family Tree

Bring your lunch; tea & coffee available, as well as morning & afternoon tea. Cost \$5.00

Reports:-

Library Report:-

At our August meeting Kay Carter presented our library with a number of books, mainly from her Scottish research, along with some that had been passed onto her by our former member, Alan Kenning. When they have been processed through our system they will be added to our shelves and listed on our library catalogue on our website. Then Derek Griffis has donated several years of "The Midland Ancestor" journals which will be added to our reference collection of magazines for use of anyone researching in that area.

One hold-up has been that extra labels, both for the front of books and donors' book plates have had to be ordered. Then your librarian has been busy on her own research so has not had time to security tag them. This will be happening shortly.

Unfortunately, one of our library duty members was unable to be there one week and a replacement was not found at short notice. Hopefully this did not affect members trying to do their research, for they could still get the key from downstairs at the Library information desk on showing their Library and Kbnzsg membership cards

Alison Procter

Brian Mountjoy advises that he has put all the Archive CD-ROM books on the hard drive of the new computer and installed the cemetery CD-ROM on both computers

NZ Time Line 1860 - 1990 : Some Events that Touched Womens Lives - selected by Barbara Holt

1860 First Married Women's Property Protection Act protected earnings and inheritance of deserted wives. (In 1870, it was extended to cover women whose husbands were habitually cruel or drunken.)

1870 University of NZ founded. In 1870's, Mary Ann Muller of Nelson under the name Femina wrote newspaper articles on women's rights and promoted women's suffrage among politicians she knew, despite her husband's disapproval. Mary Colcough, a teacher, wrote similar articles in Auckland under the name Polly Plum.

First state high school for girls in NZ started in Dunedin (fees 10 pounds per annum). Admission of women to the new University of Otago where they could get certificates, but not degrees.

1873 Canterbury University College established with classes open to women. (Most women attending not matriculated students, but fee-paying ladies) An Employment of Females Act restricted women's work in factories to 8 hours but was not policed.

1874 An Act said degrees could be granted to women at colleges affiliated to University of NZ.

1877 Kate Milligan Edger of Auckland became first woman to graduate from University of NZ. (first woman Bachelor of Arts in the British Empire). Women eligible to vote for and sit on education boards and school committees.

Christchurch Girls High School and Auckland Girls High School founded.

1878 Attorney -General Robert Stout introduced an Electoral Bill which included provision for women ratepayers to vote and stand for Parliament. It was not passed.

1881 Helen Cannon graduated as first woman MA with first class honours in English and Latin. (She married Prof. McMillan Brown in 1886 and continued as Principal of Chch Girls High School for a time). Kate Edger graduated MA at Canterbury College.

1883 Kate Edger became founder-headmistress of Nelson Girls College, with her sister Lilian as assistant teacher. Wellington Girls High School started in a cottage in Abel Smith St, and Timaru Girls High School founded. Auckland University College founded.

1884 NZ Married Women's Property Act enabled all wives and divorced women to acquire, hold and dispose of their own property and earnings and to be sued as femme sole.

1885 Mary Leavitt, a missionary from the World Women's Christian Temperance Union arrived in NZ and by 1886 15 branches of the WCTU had been started, making it first NZ national women's organisation.

1887 Sir Julius Vogel of the Liberal Govt introduced a Women's Suffrage Bill,

which was passed in the elected House of Representatives but did not get through the appointed Legislative Council. Kate Sheppard of the WCTU presented 350 signatures to Parliament in a first Suffrage Petition that year.

1888 Petition of about 800 names presented by Kate Sheppard and WCTU. Auckland Grammar School Board took over responsibility for the defunct Auckland Girl's High School.

1889 Harriet Morison started the Tailoresses Union in Dunedin, the first women's trade union.

1890 Harriet Morison started a Domestic Servants Union which was short-lived. A Commission of Enquiry into Sweating (sewing done by women in their homes at starvation rates of pay) was held which brought in reforms in working conditions in factories and shops. In the 1890's, only 15% of all women were in the paid workforce.

1891 During the first Liberal Govt under John Ballance, Sir John Hall introduced a Women's Franchise Bill and an amendment to an Electoral Bill, both of which failed.

1892 Harriet Morison and others formed the Women's Franchise League in Dunedin. More Franchise Leagues were formed which moved the women's campaign for the vote outside the middleclass.

1892 Suffrage Petition which more than 19,000 women signed. First Ladies Golf Club founded in Dunedin.

1893 Another Suffrage Petition signed by nearly 32,000 women - between a fifth and a quarter of the female population. The Suffrage Bill passed by Legislative Council - 20 to 18. 90,290 women voted for the first time, in the election held in Nov. 1893.

1893 Grace Neill, first female Factory Inspector, appointed.

1895 Minnie Dean, a Winton baby farmer, was hanged for murder.

1896 Emily Siedeberg became first NZ woman medical graduate. Foster homes for children were licensed. 1896 NZ National Council of Women formed, founding President Kate Sheppard. Many members had worked for Women's Suffrage in previous decade. Part of wider movement for women's rights which spread across Britain, and its colonies, Europe and the USA (where ICW formed in 1888).

1897 Wellington's Victoria University College founded. Margaret Cruikshank second woman in NZ to graduate as a doctor and first G.P., in Waimate. An Act enabled women to practise law. Ethel Benjamin of Otago University qualified, first in British Empire. (By 1962, only 6 women had qualified).

1901 Ellen Dougherty, World's First Registered Nurse. NZ was the first country to start Registration. England began Reg in 1919, the year Ellen died. First Matron of Palmerston North Hospital 1893.

1901 Sybylla Maud started the District Nursing Association, working for prevention of TB etc rather than cures. Health Camps were started.

1905 Stella Henderson Allen, MA, LLB, became the first woman parliamentary reporter and correspondent in NZ.

1906 The National Council of Women went into recess.

1908 NZ Nursing Journal Kai Tiaki founded by Hester Maclean. Harriet Morison was appointed in charge of Women's Employment Bureau of Dept of Labour, Auckland. A Domestic Workers Union was refused registration under the Arbitration Act because domestic work not an industrial occupation.

1909 Registered Nurses Association founded.

1912 Dr Ada Patterson became one of the first medical officers for school inspection and later Director of School Hygiene.

1913 Hester MacLean became Matron in Chief of an Army Nursing Service which served in England, Serbia, Egypt and France, including in the trenches.

1914-18 Ettie Rout, an MA from Canterbury College, campaigned against venereal diseases among Australasian troops in the Middle East, Paris and London.

1915 Alice Parkinson, a domestic servant in Napier, shot and killed the father of her illegitimate child when he deserted her. Women's organisations took up her case and got her released from prison in 1921.

1916 The National Council of Women of NZ was revived by Kate Sheppard and others.

1919 NZ women became entitled to stand as candidates in general elections.

1921 The NZ Federation of University Women was founded (after 1st Conference of the International Fed. of University Women held in London in 1920). The Country Women's Institute was also founded.

1923 Aunt Daisy (Maud Basham) took part in one of first experimental radio broadcasting programmes in NZ. Her job was needed to support her family.

1925 A Child Welfare Act looked at the health of foster children.

1930 Unemployment Act of 1930 excluded women from relief programmes. Single women who registered were given food and 7/6d if they agreed to train as domestic servants.

1931 to 1935 131 women died of septic abortion., 42 of them in 1934.

1933 First woman elected to the NZ Parliament, Mrs Elizabeth McCombs.

1936 An Inquiry held into the Problem of Abortion in NZ. Compulsory Unionism introduced by first Labour Govt brought influx of women into trade unions. (That year, only 3% of married women were in paid jobs). Jean Batten made first solo flight from England to NZ in 11 days.

1939-45 War brought an end to Paid Domestic Service in NZ as many other jobs opened up to women.

1942 Female tram conductors achieved equal pay with men.

1947 First woman NZ Cabinet Minister, Miss Mabel Howard (elected to Parliament in 1943, previously Sec., Cant. Gen. Labourers Union and on Chch City Council.)

1954 Yvette Williams set world record for the long jump with a leap of 20 feet 7 and a half inches.

1960 Dr Alice Bush became President of the NZ Family Planning Association when BMA still forbade its doctors to work for FPA Clinics. Second Labour Govt brought in the Govt Services Equal Pay Act. A Council for Equal Pay and Opportunity was established. (By 1966 : 20% of married women in paid jobs.)

Equal Pay Act extended this provision to the private sector.

A Domestic Purposes Benefit was introduced for women bringing up children alone.

NZ Matrimonial Property Act recognised women's unpaid contribution to the family, providing equal shares in matrimonial assets on break-up of a marriage.

32% of married women in paid jobs.

Human Rights Commission Act made all sexual discrimination illegal (except in private clubs).

Maternity Leave and Employment Protection Act passed.

1986 21% of women with 1 child under 1 were in the paid workforce.

1990 63% of women aged 15-64 were in the paid workforce

Some Books mentioned in *The Female Line: Researching your Female Ancestors* by Margaret Ward, (Countryside Books, Berkshire, 2003) Held FH Collection - Open Shelf, Wgton Public Library; plus a few not held there..

A Women's Work is Never Done - a History of Housework in the British Isles 1650-1950 by Caroline Davidson (Chatto and Windus, 1982.) Held General Lending, Wgton.

The Kodak Museum : The Story of Popular Photography ed by Ford, Colin. 1989. Held General Lending, Wgton.

Dating Old Photographs by Robert Pols (pub. Fed. of Family History Societies, 1995) and others by same author. Held FHC-Open Shelf, Wgton.

[Four articles called *The Origins of Photography and its Evolution in Ireland*, in the family history journal *Irish Roots*, 2000, nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, list Irish photographers with their approx. dates. I have copies and will do a look-up for members). Does anyone know whether this has been done for NZ photographers yet? Barbara Holt {BHHolt@@xtra.co.nz}.

Everyday Dress 1650-1900 by Elizabeth Ewing (1984). Multiple Holdings.

Angels and Citizens: Brit. Women as Military Nurses 1854-1914 by Anne Summers, (Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1988). Held Wgton Library.

Servants: English domestics in the 18th century by Bridget Hill, 1996. Held General Lending, Wgton.

[Bridget Hills' later book *Women alone - spinsters in England 1650-1850*, Yale University Press, 2001, appears not to be held locally yet. Two more books not held locally in libraries here: *Judy O'Grady and Camp Followers since 1660*, by Noel St John Williams, Brassey's Defence Publishers, 1988; and *What did you do in the War, Mummy?* by Mavis Nicholson (Pimlico), 1996]

