

Research Notes

Margaret Scott, the 1989 National Library Research Fellow, has continued to use the Library for her work on the 1904-1922 notebooks of Katherine Mansfield. These will be published by the Indiana University Press. Mrs Scott estimates it will take another year to finish editing the material, and during this time she hopes to revisit the Newberry Library in Chicago.

The National Library Research Fellow for 1991 is Adrienne Simpson, a Wellington journalist and writer. From April 1991 she will be in the Library, completing research and writing a book on touring opera companies in New Zealand, 1840-1940.

From the end of June 1991 to December 1991, the Library will be acting as host to Professor Thomas Isern, Professor of History at Emporia State University, Kansas. Professor Isern is a specialist in the history of the Great Plains of North America. He has been granted a Fulbright Research Fellowship to do a comparative study on the agricultural history of the tussock grasslands of the South Island.

A number of major research projects have been undertaken by readers using the Manuscripts and Archives section in recent months. Mr David Grant, from the Historical Branch of the Department of Internal Affairs, has commenced work on a history of gambling in New Zealand, funded by the Lotteries Commission, which has entailed an extensive search through a large number of manuscript collections. Miss Jean Garner of the University of Canterbury History Department made the latest of several extended research visits to continue her work on Sir John Hall. Dr Brad Patterson has maintained an almost continuous presence in the reading room using nineteenth-century business archives for research into the Wellington Provincial political economy. Other heavy research use of the Manuscripts and Archives section has come from Dictionary of New Zealand Biography Staff, and from the Waitangi Tribunal, Crown Law Office and iwi groups researching Maori claims. Genealogical research remains high, and includes an increasing amount of whakapapa research by Maori users.

Dr Nelson Wattie, 1989-1990 Fellow at the Stout Research Centre, Victoria University of Wellington, was a regular researcher in the Library through 1990. His bibliography of New Zealand fiction prior to 1914 is now ready for publication.

Professor John Rumrich, on leave from the Department of English, University of Texas, Austin, arrived for a six to seven month visit in November 1990 to use the Library's John Milton collection. The book he is working on has evolved from his article, 'Uninventing Milton', in *Modern Philology*, 87 (1990), 249-65.

Marina Hurley, who has made extensive use of the Library's New Zealand