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for the Branch,
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[http://kapitigen.org/
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Convenor's Comment

Have you ever lost any of your research on your computer? It happened to me the other day when I accidentally hit the wrong key and deleted my own name and that of my late wife together with all relevant facts and notes from my FTM 2012 programme. I was actually trying to delete some facts which had been doubled up. Fortunately I had backed everything up just recently so all was not lost. When I re-entered my name as a child of my father I discovered that the computer—bless its little chips—had still remembered who I was and asked if I was indeed me. I clicked on OK and I was very quickly restored to my original position in the Family Tree. The next step was to reinstate myself as the “Home Person” for the Family Tree. The computer in its wisdom had decided that the wife of a second cousin should be the Home Person. However with a little clicking with the mouse on my name and then on another icon I

was restored to my rightful place amongst the 10,000 names I have listed. All I have to do now is copy the notes from my backup into the Facts file and everything is back to normal. The moral of the story is “Back up regularly and don’t panic when something goes wrong.”

I was sorry to have missed the last monthly meeting of the Branch. From all accounts it was a highly successful meeting and some great stories emerged from the photographs which were shown. An evening such as this needs to be repeated at some time in the future.

Our February meeting promises to be equally as interesting when Dr Jean Bryson discusses the meanings of some of those medical terms we see written on our certificates as the cause of death. Please bring along any medical terms you wish explained.

That’s all for this month.

Bill McKeich

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This month's meeting: Tuesday 26 February

“Old Medical Terms and Diseases

Bring along your certificates and old records which have those mysterious medical terms on them and let Dr Jean Bryson interpret them for you.

From the editor's desktop

Much of this Newsletter will have been put together by your new Editor with help from Lorna Henderson who has promised me that she will provide many of the "fillers" to fill up the pages. However it is

not enough that we put our monthly Newsletter together this way. Your contributions outlining successes, family stories and even your "brick walls" would be welcome. If this does not happen then you may

find that I'll be repeating articles and notices from other Branch Newsletters which you can have access to in the APFHC. So please, send your stories in to make this "our Newsletter".
Editor

YURU, Our Guest for 2013



YURU 2013 GUEST

Roger Fox of Big Jazz Band fame is our 2013 YURU Guest.

His band celebrates its 40th anniversary this year and we are pleased to be able to contribute to the celebrations. Current plans are for a musical presentation telling the story of his life and that of his ancestors during Family History Month in August. We hope to be showing at Southwards, Paraparaumu and Circa Theatre, Wellington again and a provincial show is a possibility. Sue Greene has started the family research and the production team is thinking about the story.

Jazz lovers can watch for other 40th celebrations on www.rfwjo.com

More news as the plans unfold.

See Page 6 for the report of "Virtues from the Past" in Masterton

Back to Basics (B2B)

Saturday 16th March. Back 2 Basics (B2B)

Kapiti Community Centre

10 00 a.m.- 4 .00 p.m.

\$5

Open to the public and members.

Are you just beginning your family tree research?

Are you looking for a "refresher"?

Are you interested in finding out what is now available when you are trying to track down that elusive family member?

If so then the first B2B (Back to Basics) course will be just what you are looking for.

Although primarily aimed at getting beginners started on their family tree, anyone who believes they may benefit from thinking afresh about what they are trying to achieve and how best to do so, will find plenty to help them.

Bring copies of any family tree material relevant to your current research, also your lunch, paper/ pencils and a laptop if you have one (some will be available).

There will be time, and helpers, for doing some research using the resources you will be shown. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 16th March at 10am. [Booking form](#) on our website.

APFHC RESOURCES submitted by Bev. Chappell

Recent Book and Journal Additions February 2013

Have you visited the Alison Proctor family History Centre recently and had a browse through our Branch Library resources?

The glass fronted double door cupboards house a variety of books and periodicals.

Unless marked as reference only the instructions re borrowing are on the cover of each item. When locking these cupboards please ensure both bolts are firmly closed before turning the key in the lock.

Other Branch newsletters: Many other NZSG Branches, especially those in the Lower North Island region, exchange their monthly newsletters with our branch. These newsletters contain useful snippets of a local and general nature and can be found in blue folders indicating the NZSG Branch location in the third cupboard. They are worth a regular perusal for new genealogy details.

Book donations: We thank two members for the recent donation of books to our collection as listed below:

Clive Palmer: The Art of One Name Studies, Guild of One Name Studies, England April 2012

Derek Griffis: John Crawford with Ellen Ellis, To Fight for the Empire: An Illustrated History of New Zealand and the South African War 1899-1902, Historic Branch, Department of Internal Affairs, NZ 1999.

Derek Griffis: John D Mills, Zealandia's Brave: The Royal Humane Societies in New Zealand 1850-1998, The Royal Humane Society of New Zealand, 2001.

Family History Society Publications: The open shelves on the north facing APFHC wall contain some very useful genealogical items also. For instance there are separate boxes of Family History Society publications covering many counties in England and Scotland. These periodicals cover a variety of publication years and regions.

This month 16 issues of the Genealogist's Magazine Journal of the Society of Genealogists, London, UK as well as some Family History Society publications covering Norfolk and Mid Norfolk Counties have been added to our current series. We thank Derek Griffis and Val Read for supplying these items.

We may have to cull some back issues to fit these more recent additions within the display boxes and shelf space limitations. If this occurs we will offer the older issues to any interested members at our monthly meetings.

Round Robin Magazines: The Branch also subscribes to three magazines that are circulated to interested members for a small fee. Details about the Round Robin service are available on our web pages under Resources> Round Robins (<http://www.kapitigen.org/resources/round-robins/>). Complete volumes of issues for each year after circulation are collated in named folders and are available for reference thereafter being stored on the top shelves above the County Newsletter boxes. Currently the Branch holds subscriptions for the following publications: Who Do You Think You Are?, Family Tree and Australian Family Tree.

Want to help the British library locate old places on modern maps? <http://pressandpolicy.bl.uk/Press-Releases/Crowdsourcing-the-past-georeferencing-website-puts-historic-maps-in-their-place-5f1.aspx>

Dates for your diary

Kapiti Genealogy

Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre, Level 1 Paraparaumu Library

KCC: Kapiti Community Centre, Pak 'n Save Hall, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Tuesday **26th February** (KCC): Monthly meeting—Dr Jean Bryson answering your questions on “Old Medical Terms and Diseases”. Bring certificates and documents to interpret.

Saturday **2nd March** (APFHC): Second of the new monthly **Members Only Personal Research Sessions** - volunteers on hand to help. 1.00 p.m.-3.00 p.m.

Saturday **16th March. Back 2 Basics.** For beginners (APFHC) 10 00 a.m.- 4 .00 p.m. See page 2

Every Wednesday 10 to noon (from 16th January): Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC and further your family tree. Now with six computers available. Public and members welcome.

Tuesday **26th March** (KCC) Monthly Meeting. Kay and Bill Carter will lead us through the process of “Writing and Publishing your Family History”.

Interest Group meetings (see [Programme>Interest Groups on our website](#) for further details)

Saturday 23 February: **Family Tree Maker** group (KCC) 9:30 a.m. 2006 10:45 newer versions

Saturday 23 February: **Legacy** group (KCC) 1 p.m. Customising your Legacy Program/ Useful Tips / Q & A.

Saturday 9 March: **Irish** group (APFHC) 10am.

Monday 11 March : **Computer** group (KCC) 7:30pm. Fixing photos.

Thursday 14 March : **Australian** group (APFHC) 10am.

Around the region

Saturday 9 March 2 - 4pm **Wellington GLIG Plus** St Lukes Lower Church Hall Pitt St Wadestown

Wellington GLIG Plus

Introducing Wellington G(reater)L(ondon) I(nterest)G(roup) Plus

We're expanding our horizons beyond the M25! Wellington GLIG is a small but friendly and knowledgeable group who also have interests in other parts of the UK. Wellington GLIG is the only England-related interest group meeting in the Wellington region. We don't want to tread on the toes of the Scottish or Irish Interest groups but we would like to extend a welcome to anyone who has interests in other parts of England.

If you are interested in English research and prepared to share your knowledge we would love you to join us.

We meet on the second Saturday of the month. The first meeting of Wellington GLIG Plus will be on Saturday 9th March between 2 and 4pm at St Lukes Lower Church Hall Pitt Street Wadestown. There will be a small charge to cover hire of the hall.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Regards – Ann

From the Committee

Welcome

We welcome six new members since our last newsletter:

Alison CHAPPELL, Margaret McARTNEY, Pauline McGLINCHEY, Michelle MONAGHAN, Leanne MORRIS, Doris MARINO

This month's meeting: Tuesday 26th February

7:00pm: supper 7:30pm: meeting start

Supper roster: **F - J**

Old Medical Terms & Definitions - bring along those indecipherable certificates

Subscriptions

It's that time of year when the Treasurer begins to realise the work ahead as everyone rushes to renew their subscription. Your blue membership card doesn't expire until the end of March, but it would most definitely be appreciated if you would consider renewing your subscription early. For a considerable period both the old blue card, or the new pink card will be valid. Subs remain at the bargain price of \$20 per individual for the

year (1 Apr 2013 through 31st March 2014) although the rental increases for this year may entail a review of that in the following year. Payment may be made by cash or cheque (made out to Kapiti Genealogy) and handed to a committee member at any meeting, or by internet banking Westpac 03 0732 0263025 00

If paying by internet banking, please remember to include your surname and membership number for identification purposes, preferably also emailing the Treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org to advise that payment has been made.

If also a member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, please enter your NZSG number in one of the payee/reference fields.

Please allow up to a fortnight for processing of your new card.

We look forward to your continuing membership and participation in our activities.

These instructions are also on our website as a post "[Membership Renewals](#)",

DNA for genealogy

Many of you will know that science in the form of genetic genealogy, aka DNA testing, has been welcomed into the genealogist's toolkit.

Lorna Henderson has offered to run an informal group for those interested in this aspect of genealogy.

Perhaps you've heard about it, but are unsure what it can tell you, where or how to start, or have already

tested but been mystified by the results.

Whereas your family mysteries won't necessarily be solved in one fell swoop, the brickwalls may start tumbling.

Anyone interested in such a group, or wanting help with DNA testing and results is welcome to contact Lorna on (04) 293 7771 or by using the [Contact form](#) on our website.

**Deadline for next month's
newsletter contributions :
Saturday 9 March**

FamNet

Those of you on the FamNet newsletter will already know of the new developments on the site.

The [January newsletter](#) introduced the integration with DigitalNZ which makes it very easy to search a wide range of NZ sites and add relevant links to your

scrapbook.

Robert is also working on a gedcom export, which will indeed make FamNet more suitable as an offsite repository of your precious family data.



YURU in Masterton

On stage at Harlequin Theatre:



The YURU cast and crew put on two shows of "Virtues from the Past", with Dame Kate Harcourt at the Harlequin Theatre, Masterton on Saturday February 16. Good houses, excellent hospitality and a special dinner with the theatre's life members for Dame Kate, who is Patron of the Theatre, made it a great weekend in the Wairarapa.

There was even a member in the audience who was a baby sitter for Dame Kate and her husband Peter when their children were small, while others had seen her in theatre productions or could remember her radio programmes.

The organising committee in Masterton has invited the Kapiti Genealogy YURU production team back with its next guest (see page 2).



Sue Greene, Clive Palmer, Dame Kate Harcourt (centre), Merrilee Palmer with hosts Lorraine and Phill at celebrations in The Green Room, Harlequin Theatre.

We have been invited to show at the Opening Ceremony, of the NZSG AGM Weekend at Pukekohe, on May 31.

New Online

FindMyPast

Their blog announces that they've published 21 million Irish birth, marriage and death records:

- Births: 1864–1958
- Marriages: 1845–1958
- Deaths: 1864–1958

Which seem to be the same indexes available on FamilySearch (and Ancestry) already, but nonetheless a handy addition to their resources. Not a new resource, but an interesting read from their blog: [Don't believe everything you read](#)

ScotlandsPeople

Newly added are the 1905 valuation rolls (1915 were already there), The rollover into 2013, released an extra year of birth, death and marriage images now available online on payment of the suitable (small) number of credits.

British Columbia Archives

Have you caught up with the full certificate images

now available [free](#) online subject to release dates? Read about the collection [here](#), and [search here](#).

FamilySearch

Way too many regular additions to list or highlight. Check out [their blog](#) for regular updates.

Ancestry

Scots in the West Indies 1707-1857

Not new, but did you know they have the Cyclopedia of NZ? We have it at the APFHC, and it is readily available on-line via The [New Zealand Electronic Text Collection](#) (NZETC), which is always worth searching.

UK Outward Passenger Lists 1890-1960, previously only available via FindMyPast. Somewhere in the 23 million plus records for UK Outwards, together with their existing data collection of UK Incoming 1878-1960 you must be able to find at least some of your UK twigs coming or going.

“Duckuments” with thanks to Daniel Hubbard’s blog

Personal Past Meditations- a Genealogical Blog

By Daniel Hubbard January 27, 2013

Duckument* (n) – papers that reveal a terrible error. Origin- derived from the Cold War civil defense phrase “duck and cover” combined with the word document. Genealogists encountering a duckument are advised to hide beneath their desks until they come to terms with the duckument’s implications.

Classification of Duckuments

Duckuments are found in three types

1. The duckuments you should be thankful for because though they may undo quite a bit of work, they turn incorrect results into correct results. Never a bad thing.
2. The duckuments that are interesting but erroneous. There is nothing to keep you on your genealogical toes than getting buzzed by a low flying duckument.
3. The duckuments that are typically unsourced bits of compiled nonsense given to you at a family reunion by your Uncle Ned who thinks that you “ought to look into it.” You should have done a “duck and cover” as soon as you saw Uncle Ned coming.

Read more about how the author handles such duckuments on his blog, it is well worth following up on, as are the other entries.

The trouble with casting around for items to fill up a newsletter means that you come across gems like this blog .

And they make you think of your own examples.

My most recent “duckument” was actually a re-reading of an existing set of papers we, a group of RUNCIMAN researchers, all knew existed in the Scottish archives and even had extracts from.

The papers dealt with the assorted funds set up to

provide for the orphans of a shipping disaster in which William RUNCIMAN of Crail met an untimely death, at an unknown age, but leaving behind “five children and a bastard”, aged from 16 down to 16 months (the “bastard”, whose baptism, with both parents present, includes the phrase “William Runsyman whom she gave for the father would not take with it”)

Our extract had given a tantalising hint that the children had been brought up by a Richard RUNCIMAN of North Berwick - who surely was a relation, but how?

DNA results had shown excellent matches between 2 descendants each of two different lines, and a tentative paper trail had even been found that seemed plausible to link them back around 1710/1715. Amongst the group of about 6 of us working on these families we had about 10 different theories on how the families connected!

A couple of likely Richards existed in the area, but the paper trails constructed didn’t “fit” either of them in readily.

The highly fallible, but often useful, Scottish naming pattern didn’t help as records are rather sparse in this area and timeframe.

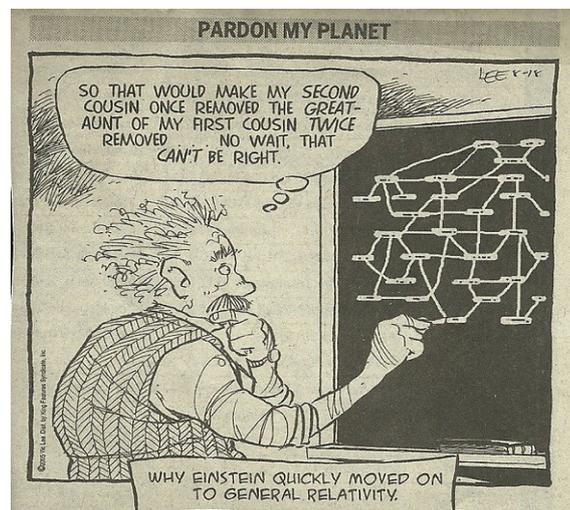
However, a closer reading by our intrepid researcher on the spot found the key minutes overlooked in the previous reading of the bulky file.

Richard was the children’s grandfather.

Back to the drawing board, with all 10 theories blown out of the water. A type I “duckument”.

Lorna

*A just-made-up word, any similarity to a previously invented word is purely coincidental.



Found at <http://www.ancestraltrails.ca/humour.html>



Branch meetings: 4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

Time: 7pm, supper / research
7:30pm, meeting start

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Branch fundraiser - Used ink cartridges

The Branch collects used ink and toner cartridges for recycling: Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, Epson & Brother. Bring your old cartridges to Derek at a branch meeting, put them in a box in the locked metal cabinets at the APFHC in Paraparaumu Library, or leave them in Derek's letter-box: 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae.

Computer Password at the APFHC

APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red folder in the drawer. Members need to get the drawer key from help desk. We also request that you sign the log book in the drawer - such statistics help us when applying for grants such as those that allowed us to add the two new computers.

Help needed

Sue needs an on the spot Computer Support person, primarily for the library computers, which, together with the printer, are networked to our server. Duties are listed on our [Who Does What page](#).

To apply, please contact the Secretary outlining your computer experience.

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Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher

NB: To ensure publication, submissions **must** be received by deadline

A Picture Speaks a Thousand Words by Kathy Callaghan

The first meeting of 2013 started with a very interesting evening full of stories where indeed a picture did speak a thousand words. Members were encouraged to bring along a photo and talk about the story behind it. Judging by the number of contributions this was a topic which interested the members very much. Thank you to those who contributed. Some of the photos were taken in the 1800's while the most recent was 2012.

We heard stories of murder, love, reunion and history. Some of the stories were very sad. Others were stories of incredible chance meetings. We

were reminded that having male offspring does not necessarily mean the continuation of a family name!

What a tragedy it is to have a box full of photos and not know who the subjects are. If you have boxes of photos lying around, get them out and write on the back who is in the photo. Digital photography means we are taking more and more photos. It is even more tempting to just save them on the computer and forget about naming them. Future generations will not know

Learn more

Have you tried Webinars? [How they work](#).

Legacy has a range of [educational Webinars](#)

RootsMagic has a number on aspects of [using RootsMagic](#)

FamilySearch on the [Historical collection, IGI and Library Catalog](#)(ue for us downunder)

Next Branch meeting

(26 March)

Kay & Bill Carter:

"Writing and publishing your family history"