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Convenor's Comment

My inspiration for this month's "Convenor's Comment" is at an all time low. Maybe it has something to do with the weather. However despite the weather it is very pleasing to see the number of members who turned out for the June Branch Meeting and learn also of the increase in numbers turning out for the interest group meetings and the additional sessions on offer to members at this time of year.

These will continue over the next two months and for August in particular you are urged to support our own involvement in Family History Month when we present our "Family Jazz" production of YURU 2013. Details of this are on page two of this newsletter. For the remainder of events in the Greater Wellington area you need to turn to page three of this issue. I'm sure that there will be something of interest for everyone on offer.

A week ago I discovered that my Family Tree went back even further than the dates I mentioned last month with the TENNANT family I discovered that a James TENNANT had married a Margaret SANDILANDS. Margaret was the daughter of the 8th Laird of Calder Sir John SANDILANDS. Tracking back even further I discovered that the 2nd Laird of Calder Sir James SANDILANDS had married Johanna Stewart the daughter of Robert I I Stewart, King of Scotland. He of course was the grandson of Robert I BRUCE. Tracking back a further nine generations lead me to a Ragnvald BRUSESSON born in 1011 in the Orkney Islands.

There is a tragic story about
Marjorie BRUCE daughter of
Robert I BRUCE. She had been
imprisoned at 9 years of age by the
English and after she was released
following the defeat of the English at
Bannockburn she was met by
Walter STEWART who escorted
her back to Scotland. She
subsequently married Walter and
when heavily pregnant fell from a
horse. She died giving birth to a
male child by caesarian birth. The
first recorded since Julius Caesar.

Bill McKeich, Convenor

July meeting Tuesday 23 rd July NZSG Councillor Clive Palmer NZSG Update

YURU 2013

FAMILY JAZZ

Tickets are now on sale for our 2013 Why You Are You production. Set to music with guest Rodger Fox, New Zealand's foremost jazz trombonist, big band leader, jazz educator, arranger, producer and lecturer at The New Zealand School of Music, Wellington.

He will be accompanied by his jazz quintet and singer Erna Ferry, tracing his ancestors and playing music from each era.

This is the story of three generations of professional musicians.

THE PLOT

It is not surprising that Rodger Fox would become a musician one way or another. He was born into a very musical family. His father Louis Fox was an established bandsman in his own right, as was his grandfather, Harry Cecil Alderson Fox.

The Fox family originated from Doncaster, Yorkshire, and Norfolk, England. Originally joiners and carpenters, Harry Fox was to break the mould and become a full time musician. Harry started his working life in the circus, at the age of 12 moving onto playing in a temperance band. He built up a solid position in the English brass band scene and in 1911 travelled to New Zealand to accept the position as solo cornet player with the Tenth North Otago Regiment Band at Oamaru.

Later the Fox family settled in Hawera and by the 1960's Louis Fox was teaching at Mana College in Porirua.

Harry Fox's father John Fox was born in Norfolk England. About 1851 he moved to Doncaster in Yorkshire. Around 1913 John went into business with his sons, William and Charles Percy Fox and formed Fox and Sons, undertakers.

You will hear some old favourites, have your feet tapping and who knows - dancing in the aisles!

We are using the main theatre at Southwards this year.

Performances:

Southwards Theatre, Otaihanga, Paraparaumu, 2pm Sunday August 18 Circa Theatre, Taranaki Street, Wellington, 7.30pm Monday August 19

Tickets on sale at outlets now Unichem Kapiti Lights Fibre Flair Waikanae Circa Box Office (Circa only)

A Stamped Addressed Envelope booking service is available for SOUTHWARDS ONLY (see our web site for booking form).

Enquiries: kapiti "at" genealogy.org.nz or phone 04 905 8266.

Circa Booking Office: 04 801 7992

Remember the living

We spend a lot of our time researching our ancestors. Don't forget the living!
One of your committee members who shall remain nameless but is readily identifiable if you read the editorial, took great delight in telling his granddaughter that her 23 greats grandfather

Robert the Bruce had just celebrated his birthday. He was somewhat chastened by her reply thanking him for the information and saying that she had celebrated hers 4 days ago, politely not mentioning that he had forgotten hers.

Family History Month - August 2013: Wellington

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH 2013

Family History Month in August 2913 will be celebrated with a programme of events in the Wellington region throughout the month.

Speakers on Saturday 10th August

- Nigel Isaacs, Senior Lecturer, School of Architecture, Victoria University of Wellington will explore the people, the voyages and technologies required to bring ice to new Zealand before the days of machine made ice. His talk is entitled New Zealand's First Ice Imports.
- Walter Cook of the Alexander Turnbull Library's Arrangement and Description team will give an illustrated talk that will show how 19th century photographs can be dated through understanding changes in fashion and clothing.
- David Colquhoun, Curator of
 Manuscripts at the Alexander Turnbull
 Library will talk about his biological
 research into The Remarkable Mrs Wiltshire
 "Champion female pedestrienne of the
 World!". In 1876 Catherine Wiltshire
 completed several impressive feats of
 endurance walking. David has resurrected
 her achievements in an article for the
 Turnbull Library Record which this year has
 the theme of recreation and sport

Venue: Taikiwai Conference Centre Lower Ground Floor, National Library (entrance from Aitken Street

Ipm—4 pm

Entry Koha (includes afternoon tea)

NZSG BRANCH EVENTS

Kilbirnie Branch

Wednesday 7th August

Paul Jervis from the Salvation Army **Venue:** Park Bowling Club rooms

Time: 10 am (coffee and chat from 9.30 am)

Hutt Branch

Thursday 8th August

Warwick Johnston, Hutt Valley historian will talk about the history of the Gear Meat Company. **Venue**; Petone Public Library, Britannia St

Time: 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 15th August

To the Ends of the Earth- Sante Battison will talk about the lives of Italian settlers in the Hutt Valley.

Venue: Petone Public Library, Britannia St.

Time: 10 am

Porirua Branch

Wednesday 14th August

Linda Fordyce speaking on the *History of Titahi Bay.* **Venue:** Helen Smith Community Meeting Room,

Pataka, Porirua. **Time:** 7.30 pm.

Wellington Branch Wednesday 28th August

Carved in Stone—grave guide Nick Perrin will talk about Wellington's historic Bolton Street Cemetery.

PASS

IT ON

Venue: Connolly Hall, Guilford Terrace,

Wellington

Time: 7.30 p.m.

Kapiti Branch - YURU see Page 2

AN AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES—SATURDAY 17th AUGUST

Session I: 1.00—2.30 pm followed by afternoon tea

Session 2: 3.00—4.30 pm preceded by afternoon tea.

Films: All four films shown at both sessions

- Alexander Turnbull Library (NFU 1972) A day in the life of the library, its staff, users and history
- The Years Back—The Twenties (NFU 1972) A compilation of archival clips.
- Around Port Nicholson (Television Films NZ 1950) Wellington over 60 years ago.
- The Years Back The Twentieth Century (NFU 1972) Newsreel extracts from 1900 to WWI

Venue: Time Cinema, 191 Sutherland Rd Lyall Bay, Wellington

Tickets: \$20 p.p. incl afternoon tea. Bookings: Porirua "at "genealogy.org.nz - give preferred session

Interest Groups

NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group

This group is for people who use the genealogy computer database program "Legacy" to record their genealogy research.

A milestone was reached when the Kapiti Group celebrated holding their 50th meeting on Saturday 29th June 2013. The Group started in January 2004.

40 people attended from as far afield as Wanganui, Palmerston North, Levin, Kapiti, Porirua, Wellington and the Hutt Valley. To whet the appetite, a brief look was taken at the new "Legacy 8" that will be coming out before the end of this year. This was followed by afternoon tea and a '50th Meeting' chocolate cake to celebrate the occasion.



The Cake

The group is administered by a small dedicated group, consisting of:

Gerald Twiss

He makes up the presentations and presents them at each meeting. Gerald has an in-depth knowledge of the Legacy programme and is well qualified to do the presentations as he has a National Certificate (Level 5) in Adult Education and Teaching.

Lindsay & Judy Olsen

Lindsay sets up the room and the projector. He is also the treasurer for the Group.

Judy arranges the refreshments – tea, coffee, biscuits etc.

Meryl Opie

Looks after the membership e-mail list and sends out the notices of meetings. She also fits in kitchen duties during the meeting.

Peter and Lesley Anderson

They have taken on the task of organising name tags for attendees at each meeting.



From left: Gerald Twiss, Meryl Opie, Lindsay Olsen The name of the group seems a bit long winded, but with Legacy User Groups in many countries, they are all named in the format of Country, (then County/State in the USA) and then Area.

The Kapiti group is an "informal" one. Anyone with an interest in the Legacy programme can attend the meetings. NZKLUG have a policy at meetings that is:-

"there is no such thing as a dumb question"

If you do not know how to do something in Legacy just ask.

All levels of experience are catered for.

Computer Friendly Interest Group.

Sue Green has regrettably found it necessary to resign as Convenor of the above group. This brings to an end some 10 years involvement, as Sue has led this group from its inception, prior to when it formally merged with Kapiti Branch back in 2004. Sue will continue in her role as Research Officer and continues to welcome any problems which need to be solved.

The future of the group depends on your support.

Come along in August to Sue's last meeting to both recognise her long and valued involvement and discuss the future of the group. Any spare time will be devoted to the advertised subject of ancestry.com and findmypast websites.

The July meeting gave a timely reminder to those attending about the importance of backing up your data. Various options were discussed including up loading to "the cloud", external hard drives, memory sticks and paper records. Remember to backup your family tree data in more than one format, eg the program's inbuilt backup but also to gedcom.

The importance of printing off photos was stressed as technology is changing so rapidly that valuable memories could

easily become irretrievable and the "shelf life" of pictures on CDs etc is limited.

DNA Interest Group.

The July meeting explained how to choose the right person to test, and which test was the best value for money for your objective. We also went over the options available on the personal pages at Family Tree DNA to help gain more information about your results

One of our group was very happy to finally have proven she really did belong in her family line and was now excited to be able to explore further given that knowledge.

Australian Interest Group

Note that there is no meeting in August as Deborah is helping at the Family History Fair.

Family Tree Maker Group June report held over until next month.

See the Programme menu on our website for further information on our Interest Groups including meeting schedules/costs.

Dates for Your Diary

Kapiti Genealogy

Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre, Level I Paraparaumu Library KCC: Kapiti Community Centre, Pak 'n Save Hall, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Please note these dates in your diary now as they will not be repeated in separate email notifications.

They are also all in the programme information on our website

Tuesday 23 July (KCC): 7:30 pm monthly meeting "NZSG update" from councilor Clive Palmer

Thursday 8th August (APFHC): 5.30 p.m.-7-p.m. Overview of the pay to view web sites ancestry and findmypast NB earlier start time

YURU - Family Jazz with Rodger Fox see page 2 for booking details - do you have your tickets yet?

Sunday 18th August (Southwards): 2pm Monday 19th August (Circa): 7:30pm

Tuesday 27th August (KCC): 7:30pm monthly meeting Tom Hayes - "Irish Genealogy"

Every Wednesday: 10 a.m. to noon Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC and further your family tree. Now with six computers available, all with Ancestry, three with FindMyPast. Public and members welcome.

Interest Group meetings (see Programme Interest Groups on our website for further details)

Monday 12 Aug: Computer group (KCC) 7:30pm. Sue's last as convenor, see Interest Group page

Thursday 8 Aug: Australian group (APFHC) 10 am

Saturday 31 Aug: Family Tree Maker (KCC) 9:30 am V16/2006; 10:45 later versions Windows & Mac

Saturday 31 Aug: Legacy (KCC) Ipm—4.30p.m.

Events around our region

Family History month, see page 3 for events around Wellington.

Tuesday 20 Aug 12.10 - Ipm - Great Uncle Charles and me

Jocelyn Chalmers, Research Librarian Manuscripts, will give an illustrated talk showing how manuscripts from the Turnbull collections can add richness to your research. Bookings essential click here for Jul to Sep schedule

National Library, Wellington Opening Hours Mon to Sat: <u>Te Ahumairangi</u>: 8.30am – 5pm, Reading Rooms: 10am – 5pm National Archives Wellington Opening Hours Mon to Fri: Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5pm (First Wed of each month 9:30am - 5pm

Some snippets newly online

FindMyPast news

Remember that any announcement you see about new record sets for eg FindMyPast Australia are generally available on FindMyPast UK and vice versa. At the APFHC members have access to world subscriptions to both sites. Recently announced additions include:

* 50,000 officers and ratings who served in the Royal Naval Division from 1914-20. These records will give you details such as name, address, next of kin, service number, physical appearance, disciplinary record and even swimming ability! * a new partnership between findmypast.co.uk and Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies adding almost two million new Hertfordshire parish baptisms, marriages and burials 1538-1990 (these appear to be scanned images of the records on a limited quick check)

an ongoing partnership of findmypast.co.uk and the National Library of Wales and the Welsh County Archivists Group adds a further 522,011 baptisms, 96,286 marriages and 456,600 burials

Remember that the British Newspaper archive is available on both sites, and is a useful complement to the Gale group newspapers available to members of NZSG by going to the NZSG website and signing in.

Irish genealogy?

An increasing number of parish register, and other, images are being added to the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht website http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/, including Church records.

FamilySearch

They may well have discontinued supporting PAF (no longer available to download and no support offered but they most certainly continue to increase their excellent offerings of original records and indexes.

In July a new NZ collection was announced - the Index and images of over 13,000 gravestones from 24 cemeteries in Central Otago, New Zealand. Created by Bert and Pauline Miller over a period of 11 years - https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2115582 Many have photos.

PAF wont self destruct but you may care to consider exporting your data to a GedCom and importing it into your chosen more modern alternative. Great advances have been made in genie software since PAF was introduced.

A Member's Brick Wall—Can you help?

Hamish Turnbull writes that his great great great grandfather (Adam Ogilvie Turnbull) was born on 12 January 1796 at Hassendean Bank, Roxburgh, Scotland and became an architect/builder in Edinburgh.

He was working on a three story building in Saxe Coberg Place. In 1834 he was bankrupt and died in July 1835 aged 39 years leaving a wife and five children according to an architectural magazine.

I'm sure that Hamish will have already tried the standard sources for a death around this time, but some are listed here for the information of others.

Unless his death was newspaper worthy, prior to 1855, when Scottish civil registration began, you are unlikely to find a cause of death, or even an official record of his death beyond, possibly, a headstone.

If you are lucky, there may be a record for the proving of his will, which should have at least a date of death, or an inventory of the estate. ScotlandsPeople has free to search and view indexes for these, and the actual images may be viewed for a standard 10 credits, regardless of length. An one page inventory does exist for Adam Ogilvie TURNBULL, builder in Edinburgh, dated 7 Oct 1835. The Parish Registers are the next step. Unfortunately, many Scottish parishes did not record burials, although some cash books did record the cash paid for the mortcloth, often with very limited identifying information. Edinburgh however does seems to be the exception and many excellent records exist for deaths and burials in Edinburgh, some even with cause of death, age and address. See ScotlandsPeople for the Established Church of Scotland & Catholic Burials. (Sorry Hamish, Adam doesn't

I am unable to find any official record of his death or cause of death and where he is buried. Edinburgh City went bankrupt and was unable to pay their contractors.

Any clues for searching would be much appreciated. Contact Hamish on <a href="https://hamish.com/ha

Further "brick walls" welcome.

appear to be indexed for a Midlothian burial 1834 to 1836) In addition, three online newspaper sites may come up trumps: the Gale group, available from the comfort of your own home to members of NZSG, has a range of 19th century British newspapers; FindMyPast, available at the APFHC, has the British Newspaper archive, and for Scotland, the Scotsman has a pay to view archive at http://archive.scotsman.com; Also try the catalogues for the National Library (http://nls.gov.uk) and the National Records of Scotland which is the National Archives and General Register Office combined, http://nrscotland.gov.uk.

What about the power of the web? A general web search brings up Adam on the Clan Turnbull website, and shows why he wouldn't be recorded in an Edinburgh parish burial if the tree cited there is accurate. A link takes you to a Turnbull family website on ancestry and shows that he died at Briery Hole, Roxburghshire, on the 18th July 1835 noting that this is where his younger brother was farming.

Such information must have come from someone in the know, and can be followed up by contacting the tree owner, who appears to be an active member of ancestry.com and living in Nova Scotia, and a great granddaughter of Adam's brother.

Members Overview At the APFHC

The series of sessions providing members with an overview of our resources in the APFHC, at the Paraparaumu Library, continued on June 20th, with a session on Birth Death and Marriage records (BDMs). Given the appalling weather, a surprisingly good number turned out. Lorna, Bev and Frances showed the members how to access, and order, the online NZ Historical BMDs indexes and how to supplement the online indexes by using them in conjunction with the fiche to determine the correct person. (ctd on page 7)

The members were also shown how to find the exact birth/death or marriage date by manipulating the search dates.

The remainder of the time was spent on

overseas BMDs, first Australian and then English using Ancestry.com, Find My Past, and Familysearch. Less is more when searching.

The series continues on Thursday 8th August 5.30 pm—7.00 p.m
Please note the change of time.

A change in Library opening hours means that the Library now closes at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Thus we will start and finish 30 minutes earlier than on previous occasions.

The focus will be on how to use the pay-to-view websites ancestry.com and FindMyPast (UK and AUS available) plus other websites such as family search if time permits.

Bring along names and dates of people you are researching and these can be used as examples.

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 23 July 2013

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

Supper roster: **F– J** Your continued help with this

would be appreciated.

Welcome

We welcome new members Jan ANDREWS, Margaret COONEY, Alex FERGUSSON, Barbara FERGUSSON, Jean SIMMONDS

Website

Remember to check <u>our website</u> every so often, especially for late breaking news and events that we find out about between newsletters.

These will normally appear in the Recent Changes section top right sidebar, but you can always click on any "tag" in the list to find all pages marked as of relevance to the topic selected.

FindMyPast

A friendly reminder to those using FindMyPast at the APFHC. Please do NOT log out of the site. Simply close the browser window, or leave it open when you log off the pc so that the next user can still access the site. But DO please remember to log out of the computer.

Research Assistance

Members are reminded that should they need

assistance with their research they can attend the weekly Wednesday morning sessions also held at the APFHC at the Paraparaumu Library, contact their buddy, or use the Kapiti Gen Forum form on our website (http://www.kapitigen.org/resources/research/genforum/) to contact our Kapiti Branch Research Officer, Sue Greene.

APFHC Computer Maintenance.

The committee now has an IT expert to help Sue maintain our computers at the APFHC. He's our "man on the spot" when we need him. So if you see a man unknown to you working away at the computers obviously attempting to solve some problem which has arisen, don't be alarmed. Dirk will probably introduce himself to you and you can rest assured that any problem encountered will be fixed.

Changes to Library Opening Hours

Library opening hours changed on 8 July 2013.

Paraparaumu

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 9 am to 5 pm.

Thursday and Friday: 9 am to 7.30 pm.

Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm Sunday:10 am to 2 pm. Waikanae and Otaki

Monday to Friday: 9am to 5 pm

Saturday: 10am to 4 pm

Paekakariki

Monday and Wednesday: 1.30 to 4.30 pm

Saturday: 10am to 2 pm

APFHC Overview - hints ctd

When trying to decide which of 100 John SMITHs is likely to be yours in the on-line indexes, think laterally, and try other resources before ordering the wrong certificate.

For birth and deaths, the folio numbers from the fiche indexes, can be used in conjunction with the district keys (booklets with the starting folio numbers used for each district for each quarter) to pinpoint registration places of the likely candidates found in the online index. For deaths, copy/paste those of interest into a spreadsheet and manipulate the age at death/birth date together with the year, to narrow down those of about the right age.

For marriages, remember the (free) Intention to Marry books in the Wellington Archives. Use the folio number from the fiche to help you find where the intending couple were going to get married, and possibly find

additional information such as when a divorce may have taken place, or a prior spouse died.

Do remember to buy the cheaper printout rather than a certificate because of the extra information that is given, and to check on the Historical BMD page to find out if the certificate you want will actually have sufficient information as this has changed over the years.

Before ordering an English/Welsh certificate it is important to check the district, volume and page numbers are correct before purchasing . To do so it is often better to use the actual index images on Find My Past or FreeBMD to check, rather than using Ancestry, whose indexes, despite being sourced from FreeBMD, at least up to 1915, can be a bit inventive.



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 glass cabinets at the APFHC in Paraparaumu Library, or leave them in Derek's letter-box: 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae.

Branch fundraiser - Bag, sweat shirt, t-shirt

Available from our store https://KapGen.printmighty.co.nz

Computer Password at the APFHC

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

Email links throughout the newsletter are clickable, remove one of the @ symbols before sending.

Committee meetings: 7pm, 1st Wednesday

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Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site hover your mouse over the "About" menu.

Newsletter content deadline: Saturday after 1st Wednesday

Send copy to: editor "at" KapitiGen.org

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher NB: To ensure publication, submissions **must** be received by deadline

New Zealand Illegitimacy Records Data Base

Last month we highlighted a new NZSG members' benefit, the addition of the NZ Illegitimacy Records Data Base to the look ups offered by the research service.

The creator of the illegitimacies data-base is local Branch Member, Derek Griffis, and he has indicated that he would be happy to respond to relevant enquiries from local members who may wish to contact him directly, either by phone (04-2931092) or by email (griffisnz "at" ihug.co.nz).

Enquirers need to be able to quote, at least, the maiden name of the mother, and the date of birth of the child. The data-base spans NZ births occurring within the years 1890 to 1950. Enquirers are warned in advance that the odds against a successful outcome to their enquiry are in the order of five to one.

Further details are available on pages 141 and 142 of the June issue of "The New Zealand Genealogist".

Why not contribute a short article on what triggered your interest in your family history/genealogy and where that journey has taken you?

Aug meeting Tuesday 27th Aug Tom Hayes Irish Family History