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Convenor's Comment

I had two interesting happenings over the past month. The first involved a request by an Outdoor Bowls friend of mine who was unable to drive and not at all well. He asked me if I could find the birthdates of his grandparents. All I had to go on were the fact that they were buried in the Old Taita Cemetery and the birth records of his father. I did some searching on Scotlands People and found his grandparents marriage which gave me some very valuable information including their parent's family names and maiden surnames. I then decided to explore the Old Taita Cemetery with my first call being made at the Sexton's Office. Why is it that whenever I visit a cemetery it rains? Well the Sexton confirmed that the grandparents were buried in a family plot and the headstone still in good order gave me a year of birth for both grandparents. Repeated searches on the Internet failed to come up with anything so I sought the assistance of our Research Officer Sue Greene. I thought that if anyone could find the birthdates Sue could. I was

right. Sue came up with the answer. I hadn't cast my net wide enough. Whilst the son had been born in Greenock on the Clyde, his parents had been born near Perth on the other side of Scotland. Mission accomplished.

The second event was just the other day when I addressed the monthly meeting of "Age Concern". I think they expected about 20 to attend but nearly 50 turned up. I spoke about our Branch and its activities and also the resources available through the NZSG in Auckland. I also gave my audience an example of one way to record their family history using Power Point. I was a little unsure as to how it would be received but when I learnt that over two thirds of those present used computers I knew I was on safe ground. Many came up to me afterwards and began telling me all manner of family stories.

This is the last Newsletter before Christmas and so I wish all Kapiti Branch members all the very best for the Festive Season and may the New Year bring you many new genealogical discoveries.

Bill McKeich, Convenor

*November meeting Tuesday
26th November
Final Meeting for 2013
"Finds, Frustrations and
Fabulous Objects"*

YURU 2013 - FAMILY JAZZ at Hawera

A Review by Richard Kennedy-Moffat

The magic of virtuoso trombone player Rodger Fox thrilled the audience in the Hawera Memorial Theatre on Friday 15th November

The evening was entitled Family Jazz – A Story of Three Musical Fox Generations. And what an absorbing musical evening it was.

This was a Kapiti Genealogy Production 2013 with the sub-title Why You Are You. This was certainly a presentation with a difference. MC Clive Palmer and Rodger Fox himself described in detail the ancestry of the Fox family in England and in New Zealand. They also gave an account of the early beginnings of Brass Bands in both countries.

When the MC and Fox stumbled over a line in the script Roger quipped, “Treat the script as jazz – make it up as you go along”. He drew an instant rapport with the audience when he also queried the mystery of his siblings’ birthdates – nine months after band competitions.

Put together by Kapiti Genealogy, with assistance from the Hawera Branch of Genealogists, this was a power-point presentation on Harry Fox, Louis Fox and the sometimes bashful Rodger Fox. The stories proved to be highly interesting and entertaining and covered the very special Hawera connection.

The spoken word was cleverly interspersed with sixteen live musical items, a film clip from the popular *Brassed Off*, and a couple of CD sound recordings.

Rodger was accompanied by a supremely polished and professional Quintet comprising Lauren Ellis, percussion, Rowan Clark and Nick Granville on guitars. The singer, Erna Ferry was total class herself. This is the 40th anniversary of the Rodger Fox band – quite an achievement.

Rodger’s guest was The Hawera Brass under the baton of conductor Bruce Jellyman.

Hawera Brass were in no way the supporting act as they performed very professionally and complemented the Rodger Fox Quintet throughout the evening.

Erna Ferry, jazz vocalist, with a haunting harmonica, delighted with *Makin’ Whoopee*, *Bye Bye Blackbird*, the blues number, *Early In The Morning*. Also a bee-bop jazz number, *How High the Moon*.

With Rodger, spellbinding on trombone, we were entertained with the jazz number *Yesterdays*, Duke Ellington’s *Caravan* and *Take The ‘A’ Train*, and the Dixieland classic, *When The Saints Go Marching In*, which concluded the first half.

Rodger also played *I Can’t Give You Anything But Love and Beautiful Love*. The Hawera Brass competently chimed in with *The Queen’s Own March*, The late Harry Fox’s arrangement of *Sanctuary*, and *The Invercargill March*. Rodger, very unselfishly, gave the final number of the evening to Hawera Brass.

Hoagy Carmichael’s *Stardust* was memorable as Rodger on trombone joined in with Hawera Brass. The number that stood out for me was the inimitable *Route 66* with Roger, Erna Ferry and Hawera Brass combining for an unforgettable and moving jazz experience.

This review does not have the space to itemise the ancestry, achievements, and accomplishments that Harry Fox, his son Louis Fox, and the third generation Rodger Fox have given to music. In England, New Zealand and worldwide the name Fox is synonymous with perfection. The number of students under the tutelage of these three maestros is huge and it was an honour for all concerned to have had the privilege of sharing in their musical genius.

The audience tonight were fortunate to have shared in this musical legacy.

APFHC News



This is the main-screen. To continue click the windows icon "Click-to-Start".

Those of you using the computers at our Alison Procter Family History Centre (APFHC) will have noticed that the long promised consistency between our computers has taken a leap forward. Yes, there are still some teething problems to be worked through, but we're getting there, with many thanks to Sue and Dirk. Thank you all also for your patience.

When you log in, after getting the password from the red folder, you will see the above screen.

Click on the blue Windows button to start. There are two main pages for accessing our resources, one for the CD/DVD and file collection, the other for our internet sites.

Not shown on the above is the helpful bright yellow button for the Help files in case you get lost.

Please do NOT fiddle with settings. The aim is to have consistent settings on all of the computers for ease of both your use, and our maintenance.

Printer, Paper and Toner

Branch Members are reminded that a printing facility is available in the APFHC for you to record your research findings.

This is provided at considerable cost to the Branch and you are asked to contribute 10c. per copy for the service provided.

This amount does not even cover the cost of the toner used.

Where possible you are encouraged to use memory sticks instead to record the results of your research.

Not only does this reduce our dependence on toner and paper but also gives you an electronic copy to examine in more detail at home in your document viewer of choice, and a copy to attach as evidence in your family tree program.

For sale:

The two computers from the APFHC that we replaced recently are now surplus to requirements. Both are running XP, both have a modem and CD drive.

Would be ideal for grandkids to use to learn on, play games or could be used as another machine just for genealogy.

Offers to be made to the Secretary by 4th December please (or use our [Contact form](#)).



Graeme McKenzie visit

Scottish Genealogist, Researcher & Author

Graeme McKenzie

Sponsored by

Clan McMillan

Will be Guest Speaker at two events

Saturday 8th February 2014

10am to 1.00pm

Connolly Hall Guildford Terrace Wellington

Parking in School ground off Guildford Terrace adjacent to the Hall

Graeme's presentation will start at 10.15 and there will be time for questions afterwards

Door charge \$2.00 per person

Finger food luncheon

Hosted by NZSG Wellington Branch & Kilbirnie Branch

Thursday 13th February 2014

At Waikanae Chartered Club, 8 Elizabeth Street Waikanae
Just over the Railway Crossing from State Highway 1

9.30 - 12.30pm

Parking – comfortable Club facilities

Lecture starts 10 - 10.15am, plus time for questions and meet Graeme afterwards

Door charge \$2

Free Morning tea on arrival, Registration (OSH Requirement)

Hosted by



Waikanae Family History Group

Followed by \$10 knife & fork Luncheon, (Sweets optional extra \$5.50) Tea & Coffee
Refreshments from the Bar

Need to know numbers by the 12th February for lunch

Contact [hdhoffmann "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:hdhoffmann@paradise.net.nz) Hanley Hoffmann (04) 904 3276

Making connections

Seen in Australian Family Connection magazine *
Sep 2013: Researching Knott 1890s+ Auckland
Mrs D.M.Deveril of Qld [bellwood15 "at" bigpond.com](http://bellwood15.bigpond.com). The NZSG also has two members

researching this name.
Deborah

*one of our [Round Robins](#), available at the APFHC after subscribers to the service have finished reading.

Websites for British Research

From the Riccarton Branch Newsletter November 2013

www.armyservicenumbers.blogspot.co.uk/

This military website covers the period 1881-1918 and has lots of information on the British Army. It enables you to find out which regiment a soldier joined from his regimental number.

probatesearch.service.gov.uk

The Government Probate Service in London does not yet have an online index to most of their wills but has recently put online at this website an index to soldiers wills. Although the period covered is stated to be from 1850 to 1986, so far the index includes mainly only wills made around the time of the First World War. For a payment of £6 a digital image will be made available for you to view and download via this website.

www.missingyou.net

This British website is yet another one for those (such as adopted people) wishing to find lost family or friends.

one-place-studies.org

Similar in concept to the Guild of One Name Studies, a Society for One Place Studies has been set up. Although based in England it is not limited to places in UK.

Website of the Month

freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dutilleul/BritishandIrishNews.html

Richard Heaton has compiled an index of online digitised newspaper sites covering the British Isles (i.e. England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Eire but not London) from the 17th to 21st centuries.

Branch Meetings - future/past

November:

Final meeting for the year.

“Finds, Frustrations and Fabulous Objects”

A time to share any ‘finds’, brick walls, and/or objects that have a story behind them.

Special supper to wind up the year.

October:

Our October Branch Meeting Guest Speaker was Colonel Ray Seymour the recently retired curator of the National Army Museum at Waiouru.

Colonel Ray presented us with a fascinating account of how he unravels the secrets of the styles of military uniforms worn by New Zealand Servicemen particularly in WWI and WW2.

He also described in detail the insignia and lapel badges worn by military personnel and gave a brief description of some of the medals worn.

Of particular interest was the analysis researchers were able to use taking note of the different styles in uniform worn to distinguish soldiers and officers, the shape of the pocket flaps and height of collars.

The styles of caps and hats also came in for attention. Who would have thought that the Lemon Squeezer was a representation of Mount Egmont/Taranaki.

I wore one of those for many years but nobody told me about that. The Power Point presentation was a perfect medium to present this topic.

Colonel Ray made some good sales of his CD, “Unravelling The Secrets of Military Service Records.”

(a copy of which is now available at the APFHC)

Bill McKeich

Genealogy Game

Whether it was the brilliant weather on the day, or insufficient explanation from us about how the genealogy game worked both as a learning tool and as competitive fun for both old and new hands, it was very disappointing to find that the only people who turned up were the seven Kilbirnie Genealogy members who run the game and the four Kapiti Genealogy committee members there to help.

You missed out on a great game.

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

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 26 November: Final monthly meeting for the year “**Finds, Frustrations & Fascinating Objects**”

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. Six computers available, all with Ancestry, three with worldwide FindMyPast. Public and members welcome. **Final session for the year 11th December - restart 22nd January.**

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

Saturday 23 November: **Legacy Workshop** Jan Gow

FamilySearch - Family Tree - Sources

Sick of being seduced by shaking green leaves but don't want to pay an Ancestry subscription? Why not try the Family Tree on FamilySearch instead?

When you search FamilySearch, where do you start?

The Search button?

Or by logging in and using the Find option under FamilyTree?

Chances are that if you have found your person of interest in the search results that there is already the beginning of a family tree to be found.

You may be lucky enough to have access to an instant family, great fan chart and pedigree.

You do need to be registered - registration is free, and necessary should you ever wish to order a film for reading either on the NZSG remote film reader, or at the NZSG film service at the National Archives, or at the LDS Family History Centres in the area.

“Find” is a good way to then easily search for the records related to that person **and** attach the source records found to them, although you can just as easily find the records via search and then attach them to a person in a tree by logging in. There are many duplications on the FamilySearch Family Tree, populated from their millions of records.

You are likely to find eg separate little groups of parents and child from each baptism that you know are the same family, but the tree doesn't yet

know that.

So use the Search for Duplicates, carefully examine the options presented, and only when fully satisfied that they are indeed the same individual, review the merge, select which data to add to the record you started from and select Continue merge.

To search for source data select Search records in the middle of the right hand panel, then click on the name of the person in the presented results to see the ability to attach to a person in the Family Tree.

You will be presented with a list of candidates, select carefully!

Once registered, you can also add people of interest to your Watch list and receive notifications of any updates.

Like all online trees, even those begun from reputable sources, mistakes can accrete, incorrect merges can happen. All data should be treated with caution, and verified.

Lorna

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 26 November 2013

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start.

Supper roster: **A—D:**

Your continued help with this would be appreciated.

Welcome

Beverley TAYLOR, Derek ROBINSON

Website

Remember to check [our website](#) 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.

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.

Kapiti Genealogy on Facebook

Check out [our facebook page](#). You don't need to be a registered user of facebook to read it, simply click on the link if reading this on your computer, or search for Kapiti Genealogy facebook.

Please let Kathy Callaghan have any suggestions as to how best to use this medium.

If a Facebook user, do remember to click "like".

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 a branch meeting, put them in a box in the locked glass cabinets at the APFHC in Paraparaumu Library.

We are still looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate this project, which is a useful contribution to branch funds.

Programme for next year?

You are invited to contribute ideas for next year's programme.

What topics would you like us to cover?

Who would you like to hear speak?

How can we help you progress your genealogy?

*Next meeting Tuesday
26th January*

NZSG news - questions for non NZSG members

Gale Newspapers

This very useful resource has two new newspapers added on a trial basis to April 2014:

Daily Mail Historical Archive 1896-2004

Sunday Times Digital Archive 1822-2006

Strategic Review

The strategic review of the Society continues.

If a member of NZSG, log in to <http://genealogy.org.nz> and read more at http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Strategic-Plan_673.aspx

One of the issues that needs to be resolved is that of Branch members who do not belong to the NZ Society of Genealogists.

As part of this strategic review our national body would like the following feedback from those who choose to belong only to the Branch:

What would encourage or convince you to join the NZSG?

What is it about the local branch/interest group that currently gives you the greatest benefit?

What services would you like the branch to provide for you that it doesn't already?

What are your most urgent (genealogy/family history) educational needs?

Feedback may be sent via the Branch website [Contact form](#), or by email to the Secretary.

**Branch meetings:** 4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

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

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

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 replacement computers.

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.

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

Committee meetings: 7pm, 1st Wednesday

Branch Committee

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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](mailto:editor@KapitiGen.org)

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher

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

THE TWELVE DAYS OF A GENEALOGY CHRISTMAS

On the Twelfth day of Christmas,
My true love gave to me,
Twelve Deeds & Titles,
Eleven Probate problems,
Ten lost relations,
Nine legal letters,
Eight Manorial records,
Seven census searches,
Six GEDCOM's downloaded,
Five old wills,
Four christening cards,
Three French connections,
Two CD Titles,
And one fully completed Family Tree!!!!



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