



Convenor's Comment

Programme details for the Branch, together with our Interest & User Groups are on our website under Programme <http://kapitigen.org/programme/>

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I would most certainly be the last person to consult on the value of DNA profiling but I certainly found Lorna Henderson's address at our last Branch meeting very interesting. During the course of her address Lorna referred to the book "The Scots" subtitled "A Genetic Journey" by Alistair Moffat and James F. Wilson. To anyone interested in reading about the wanderings of mankind out of Africa up to the steppes of Russia and Westwards to France and the Iberian Peninsula and then after being almost decimated by cataclysmic events to eventually arrive in Scotland then this is the book for them. Very easy to read and full of interesting information based on DNA findings over the past few years. The piece which sold the book to me actually was on the first page and I quote from the third paragraph of the Introduction.

"The sea of expectant faces, 67,000 strong, most of them gasping with exasperation or shouting

*October meeting Tuesday
22 October
Col. Ray Seymour (Retired)
"Unravelling the Secrets of a
Military Uniform"*

encouragement to the team wearing navy blue, knows that Scotland can beat any team in the world, except New Zealand, and can lose to any team in the world."

"The Murrayfield crowd hold it inside themselves—a long-hidden story of unlikely and unsurprising links, a story that reaches back beyond kings and queens to the very beginning of settlement in Scotland after the end of the last Ice Age, a story that is 11,000 years old. It is the story of our DNA. Every Scot is an immigrant. Until 9,000 BC, Scotland was empty of people and animals. For 15,000 years, ice, more than a kilometre thick in places had crushed the land....."

I encourage you to have a read.

NZSG Family Research Centre is on the move. The present premises are a Health and Safety risk and most unsuitable for the expanded services NZSG now provides. Elsewhere in this issue you will find how we can assist with this relocation, even in a small way, by buying a few raffle tickets at our next Branch meeting.

Bill McKeich, Convenor

YURU 2014 Soldiers' Tales in the Trenches

WWI Centenary

Commemoration of the Centenary of WWI commences in 2014 and will continue for the next four years. A formal structure has been put in place by the Government to provide an opportunity for a national recognition of those who fell in this war. Local activities are being coordinated by the Office of the KCDC Mayor and Kapiti Genealogy has been invited to be a party to the organisation of any activities.

YURU 2014

Our proposal to the group has been that rather than invite a special guest next year we use the opportunity the Centenary provides to do something different but maintain the use of our trademark. "Soldiers' Tales in the Trenches" will focus primarily on some of the families whose names of lost ones are recorded from the Kapiti Coast area. Stories of the families and their loved ones will be developed into a series of audio-visual presentations. It is envisaged that these could be the centre piece of local family military research activities held during August next year. The details are dependent on sourcing funds to cover costs and applications are to be made to appropriate agencies.

Research

Currently our research officer, Sue Greene, has commenced preliminary work on the families whose lost ones are recorded on the Paraparaumu War Memorial assisted by the local RSA and contact is being made with Otaki RSA to elicit whether they too would like to join us. Sue is aware of other sites where names are recorded too.

Branch Support

This is an exciting initiative and the Branch at its last Committee Meeting gave its full support to the proposal.

Clive Palmer/Bill McKeich

September meeting

At our September Branch meeting Lorna Henderson presented her very interesting talk on DNA and how it can help with family history.

Lorna became interested in DNA when she'd hit the proverbial "Brick Wall" that we all face sometime while searching for family. A piece on the Internet appeared to be the answer she was looking for and so she investigated its possibilities. Would it answer the question - Is person A related to person B?

Lorna told us of the three types of DNA: YDNA, mtDNA, atDNA and their uses and of the main companies providing DNA results for genealogy - Ancestry, 23 and me, and Family Tree DNA.

y-DNA is the type to use if you are searching the direct paternal line (37 markers being a good starting point); mt-DNA is for the direct maternal line only and of limited genealogical use; and for all ancestors, at_DNA (FamilyFinder), even though matches are less certain as generations pass, given the lottery of which ancestor's genes win in being passed on to the next generation.

[Family Tree DNA](#) in Houston, Texas, is the company Lorna suggests we use. One kit provides two vials and is ordered online. Full instructions included.

Lorna is using DNA to sort her growing One Name Study of the Fairbairn family. She has contact with fellow genealogists all over the world. She runs a DNA Interest Group who meets regularly at her home. If you are interested I suggest you make contact with her. (see page 4 and contacts page).

Frances Braddick

Genealogy Game 2013

Developed by the Kilbirnie Branch of NZSG.

You have another opportunity to play this fun game, a game for both new and experienced members. Complete the Pedigree Chart while working as a team.

**When: Saturday 9th November
1pm - 4pm**

Where: Kapiti Community Centre, Paraparaumu.

Cost: \$5

**Pay at the door on the day.
Will you be in the winning team?**

A Message from the Wellington Branch Committee

On behalf of the Wellington Branch Committee, I am pleased to invite you to extend to the members of the Kapiti Branch access to the resources held by the Wellington Branch at their library. Our collection contains a diverse range of items, including comprehensive Irish records (the Joe Cassin Collection), and we have recently taken over the significant collection of records collected over the years by the Scottish Interest Group of Greater Wellington. A catalogue of the holdings in our Library has recently been completed and can be used for subject searches during Library hours.

At present the Library is open on the 1st Sunday of each month from 2.00—4.00 p.m. We would also be able to open at some other time on an occasional basis by special arrangement.

Members of your Branch would be able to borrow items for up to a month at a time. For management purposes we will have to ask borrowers to provide details of their addresses and phone number and there may be a restriction on the number of items borrowed at any one time. Your members may also be asked to produce evidence of their identity if they wish to borrow items if they are not otherwise known to the Library volunteer(s) on duty at the time.



Branch Library

St Giles Church House, corner Kilbirnie Crescent
and Vallance Street, Kilbirnie
*Open 1st Sunday in the month
2-4pm February—November*

I very much hope your members will take advantage of this opportunity.

Barbara Mulligan
Library Liaison Wellington Branch Committee
[Wellington " at " genealogy.org.nz](http://genealogy.org.nz)

Members Overview of the APFHC

The final APFHC evening session for the year will be held on Thursday 17th October from 5.30 to 7 p.m. This is a repeat of the first session and designed to initiate members who have joined recently to learn the basics of signing in,

obtaining keys etc. This will be followed by breaking into groups to learn about the use of the computers, printer, microfiche and library. A willing band of volunteers will be there to help.

MyHeritage and Family Search have announced a partnership intended to bring the best of both worlds to your computer.

The press announcement is here. <http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20131014006192/en>.

Why use DNA?

At the end of my recent talk on DNA a member asked “was it just the fun that made me do this?” Yes fun, but much more besides. So why do I use DNA in my family research?

Apart from the fun of finding new relations, it also helps me overcome a lack of paper trails to (dis)prove assorted theories about who is related to whom, and, mostly, to break down brick walls in my research.

In the “old” days of DNA we were rather restricted in what could be achieved. The first test I personally undertook, back in 1992, was the Oxford Ancestors test which showed me which of “The Seven Daughters of Eve” I descended from. Genealogical use, practically nil, I’m never going to find the paper trail back to 17,000 BC, but useful enough when people ask “How far back have you got”.

What I really wanted to achieve however was to break down my brick walls and to prove a theory or two about believed but unproven relationships.

This quickly led me to [Family Tree DNA](#), a Houston company widely regarded by genetic genealogists for their range of tests and support to the genealogy community.

The other two main companies aren’t readily available to us here in NZ, but even if they were,

Family Tree DNA still “wins” in my book. Ancestry and 23andme both only offer Autosomal testing, BUT Ancestry only mails to US addresses and 23andme, whose main focus is health, not genealogy, adds a whopping \$US 70+ delivery to the cost of testing if outside the USA.

Being a female I have had to recruit others to prove many of my theories in the [Surname DNA projects](#) I run using Y-DNA. The results have been most interesting, particularly in the FAIRBAIRN and RUNCIMAN projects. Myths have been demolished, and unexpected relationships found. Win a lot, lose some.

Your direct male line surname is only one tiny portion of your genetic and family heritage though. What about all those other ancestors? Don’t they deserve a look in?

Mitochondrial DNA, inherited by all of us from our mothers, but only passed on by the daughters, is of limited use in genealogical timeframes. It also only shows you about your direct maternal line, ie mother’s mother’s mother’s...

These days we now have Autosomal DNA testing to help with all of our ancestors, regardless of whether we are male or female, and which line we come from.

This is the DNA we all inherit, randomly, from all of our ancestors. As the generations pass, the chance of finding detectable matching segments from shared specific ancestors decreases, so it is best for matches within closer timeframes, 4-6 generations being the recommended maximum. Many are

finding provable matches to more distant cousins however.

My first project was to prove, somehow, that a John FAIRBAIRN in New York prior to the 1841 census was a previously unknown son of my Walter. The [FAIRBAIRN Surname DNA project](#) was begun back in 2007 with this in mind. My Walter’s line appears to have “daughtered out”, ie no direct line males left, so a candidate from an Archibald, believed to be a brother of Walter’s was tracked down and convinced to start us off at yDNA37.

But we also needed a candidate from John’s line. That took several more years to accomplish, but in the meantime our first candidate had a completely unexpected match (A) which enabled us to take Archibald’s line back at least 3 more generations to a couple having children around 1705. Eventually we found a descendant of John, and also two from different branches of confirmed siblings of Walter, all matching. Q.E.D. There’s still another puzzle in the extended family though, is John in Quebec more closely related to family A, or to our branch of the family. Jury still out and investigations ongoing.

It is still a great annoyance to me that my HENDERSON brick wall remains intact. Even though I know what Archibald was being paid for on specific days in 1807 in the Bridge of Allan, I still do not know where he came from. DNA has failed me so far on that one. My male second cousin guinea pig who has tested most of the tests available to us has no close matches anywhere (Family Tree DNA and 23andme) other than our mutual second cousin who has confirmed the HENDERSON dna signature. He is proving to belong to one of the least documented, or the least tested, branches of the [yDNA Haplogroup](#) tree of mankind (think of a descendant chart from a son of Adam). He has however found a maternal 2nd cousin that he knew nothing about, and as a result learnt a sad family story set in Wellington in the 1920s.

A match recently popped out of the woodwork that allowed us to finally connect in a Tasmanian branch of our McEWAN tree. Paper trails suggested, but did not prove, that they might belong. DNA clinched it.

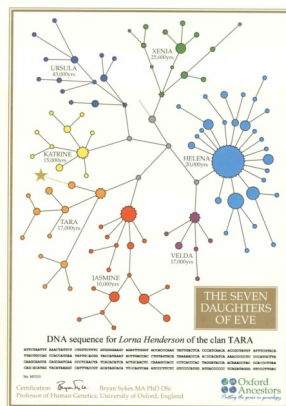
A number of us researching our Caithness ancestry are tearing our hair out trying to figure out where our matches come from. Our trees are more accurate as a result and we are building a growing combined tree on [WikiTree](#), utilizing the DNA family links WikiTree pops on those impacted by any one person’s DNA test.

[My blog](#) contains the story of John who has finally found that his surname is indeed his by descent, not just by name, and found an extended family he didn’t know existed.

As in all research, don’t expect instant results. You also have to be prepared to cope with the unexpected finds. But nothing in all of this changes who YOU are.

Want to learn more? Come to the next DNA group meeting Nov 10th 2pm. Phone me on 293 7771 for directions.

Lorna Henderson



Seven Daughters of Eve

Kapiti Genealogy Visits the National Library

National Library Tour

On September 19th a group of 16 took the opportunity for a guided tour of National Library NZ led by Fiona Grey.

Since the refurbishment last year the library is very much a sensory experience. Modern technology means much of the huge collection of books and materials are accessed via computers. Wi Fi is free, which gives even more flexibility for saving to personal computers.

On the first floor is the Life Line Table which is essentially a giant iPad. Using the touch screen you can access a collection of photographs by surnames or dates. With the flick of a finger the photographs can be turned over to read information relating to that particular photo. You can email any of the photos to yourself directly. A brief detour to some of the smaller rooms held the usual themed displays of documents and diaries. There is a large collection of videos, CD's and DVD's to listen to, but if you wish to play a piano there is a sound-proofed room available for that!

Much of the time was spent in the Family History section which resembles the more traditional library with books on shelves. Fiona explained some of the records available. There are always

volunteers available to assist should you need help. If you request a microfilm via familysearch.org these can be viewed at the National Library. You can order microfilm at the National Library but the cost is slightly higher than doing it from your personal computer.

A more detailed explanation was given on how to access the online information. There is free access to pay to view sites ancestry.com, all Find My Past websites (UK, Australia and Ireland) and The Genealogist.

If you have been on a previous tour of National Library NZ don't think you have seen it all before. Every tour is different and it is always surprising the different things you learn.

Kathy Callaghan



Back to Basics (B2B)

The second B2B workshop held on Saturday 21 September was a success with plenty of time to cover everything on the programme. This was due to an earlier start and later finishing time.

Email contact with new members was instrumental in lifting the numbers attending and the increase in the registration fee needed to cover costs did not

deter attendees.

Our band of willing helpers were again wonderful and contributed greatly to the success of the day.

Consideration is being given to holding further sessions in 2014 with a later start of 10a.m.

Web searches

How many of us default to google for searching the web without considering alternatives?

Yes you can find a heap of useful and sidetracking information using google, but it is programmed to filter what it delivers to your screen and not necessarily helpfully when searching for old information.

Have you tried [Mocavo](http://Mocavo.com)? Although there is often a US bias in the results it is designed with us in mind, those digging in the past. It has [recently pledged](#) to remain free. It does offer a premium service to finance this, the benefits being remembered searches, updates to prior searches, and a growing data collection.

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

Thursday 17 October: **Overview of Kapiti Branch Genealogy Resources.** (APFHC) 5.30 p.m.-7.00 p.m.

Tuesday 22 October (KCC): 7:30 pm **monthly meeting** Col. Ray Seymour (Retd): **"Unravelling the Secrets of a Military Uniform"**

Tuesday 26 November: Final monthly meeting for the year **"Share a Treasure"**

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.

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

Saturday 26 October : **Family Tree Maker** (KCC) 9:30 am V16/2006; 10:45 later versions Places; gedcoms

Saturday 26 October : **Legacy** (KCC) 1pm - 4.30p.m.

Sunday 10 November: **DNA Group** Lorna' Henderson's home, Waikanae Beach 2.00 p.m. (phone 293 7771)

Thursday 14 November: **Australian Group** (APFHC) 10a.m.-12 noon

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

Events around our region

November talk National Library Tiakiwai Conference Centre Lower Ground Floor

12.10 – 1pm Tuesday 19 November – Byte Back! Getting a handle on your digital files

In our last talk for the year, Leigh Rosin, the Library's Digital Archivist, will give you practical advice on how to manage your digital files and media. Learn the basics about the care and handling of physical media like CDs and hard drives, as well as good practice in file naming, organisation and back ups

Interest Groups

Family Tree Maker

Last meeting for the year on Saturday 26th October.

Hanley continues the v. 2006 session with suggestions for producing a family book.

For the later versions Lorna continues her walk through the options in FTM2012. This time we are exploring "Places", along with more information on Gedcoms.

We may have a little time for a sneak preview of FTM2014 as it has gone from "available for pre-order" to "available for download" from the ancestry.com shop (US but not UK or AU) If using this download option, don't be put off by the requirement to have a US state, just use whatever address you want and pick a US state that doesn't have sales tax (Alaska, Delaware, Montana, New Hampshire).

Legacy

Next session Saturday 26th October.

Plus 23rd November, the ever popular Jan Gow Legacy workshop. This year it is to be held at Kapiti Senior Citizens Rooms, 45 Ocean Road, Paraparaumu Beach.

Australia

Last session Thursday 14th November APFHC 10am

DNA

We have a number of FamilyFinder results to explore for this meeting, but any topic/request for help is welcome. Phone Lorna on 293 7771 for directions.

Online newspapers

Although NZSG members can no longer use their subscription to search the Irish newspaper collection (the Gale newspapers are still available), all of our members can now use FindMyPast at the APFHC to search their growing newspaper collection.

A recent announcement from FindMyPast advises:

"The collection features almost 2 million articles from 6 newspaper titles (both national and local) with dates covered by each title ranging from pre-Famine era right up until post-Irish independence in 1926. For family historians, the newspapers contain hugely valuable articles like advertisements, obituaries and letters to the editor which help to paint a picture of the Irish lives of our ancestors.

...

we've also added new papers to our British collection from Dundee to Kent too."

Newly added Irish titles include:

- The Belfast Morning News 1857-1882
- The Belfast Newsletter 1828-1900
- The Cork Examiner 1841-1926
- The Dublin Evening Mail 1849-1871
- The Freeman's Journal 1820-1900
- The Sligo Champion 1836-1926

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 22 October 2013

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start.

Supper roster: **U—Z** Your continued help with this would be appreciated.

Welcome

We welcome the following new members to the branch: Dave & Olwen ROHDE, Linda AUKETT

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.

Purchases

Our two new computers have been installed and the whole set of six computers and the printer being repositioned. You will find the numbers of the computers attached to the hard drives. Please still refer to the red folder in the cupboard for the password to access the computers as it continues to change regularly. The Committee has agreed to the purchase of an external hard drive in which our resources can be safely stored. This hard drive will be kept off site for security reasons.

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 coordinate this project.

NZSG on the move

Those of you who belong to our National body, The NZ Society of Genealogists will have read that the Family History Centre in Auckland is on the move. The lease on the Panmure site is not being renewed at the end of November. There are a number of reasons why, which you can read about in your e-KIT. (This is the regular communication with members sent to the email address you have registered with NZSG but may also be read online under the News section of the menu once you have logged into the site).

NZSG have set up a separate bank account for any of you wishing to donate to the cost of the move

this necessitates, donations being tax deductible. In addition however, at our coming meeting, Jenny Martin (Lower North Island Regional Co-ordinator) will be running a raffle whose proceeds go towards this move.

The prizes are 4x draws of the NZSG CD Burial Index v2 (no longer available for purchase). Tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5. Drawn at the end of October, with all Branches involved being notified.

*Nov meeting Tuesday
26th November
"Share a treasure"
Followed by end of year supper*



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 new 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)

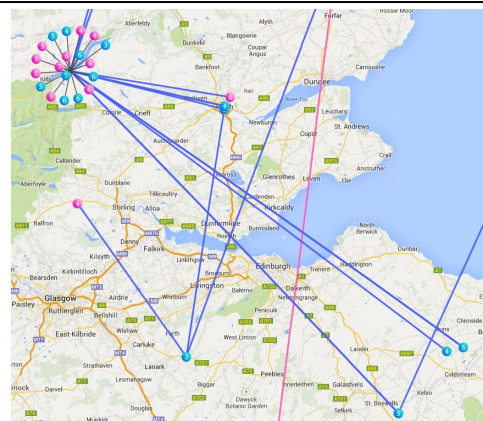
Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher

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

Want to see where you came from?



Try Rootsmapper.com, a free place mapping tool that works on FamilySearch family trees. Log in to your FamilySearch account, select the starting person, which defaults to yourself, and the number of generations you want to track and watch your ancestors' migration paths unfold before your eyes. As with all automated mapping tools it pays to have standardised, consistent, place names, including the county/state/province and the



country. One of my ancestors showed as being in Canada from an entered "Perth, Scot.", instead of Perthshire, Scotland. Easily corrected and rerun as there's a link from the map pin to the person in your tree.

It also seems to get a bit confused if there's too many place parts and doesn't recognise the finest level of detail. Those seem to get mapped to a generic county.

However it is great fun to get a picture of how widespread your ancestors were. The balloon numbers show the generations from the root person and are clickable for finer details, including names/dates, adding their next generation to the map, resetting the map to them as generation one.

Lorna