

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've just had the best part of a month in Australia. Not particularly exciting you might say but to me new avenues of Family Research were opened up.

There was a Ground Radar Search (GRS) carried out eighteen months ago on the Yanakie Cemetery grounds where of the five persons buried there only one was identified with a headstone. The other four burials were my gg grandparents and two infants. Now this is where talking about your research to strangers has results. I spoke with a volunteer at the Foster Museum who told me to contact the owner of the Yanakie Store who had organised the GRS at Yanakie Cemetery. I had to go to the cemetery first but caught up with the store keeper later on. I noticed that the GRS had located an adult sized grave and the searchers had marked it out with granite stones with a larger one for a headstone. Michael told me some amazing stories about my gg grandfather. He also said that cemetery records

confirmed that three bodies were in the adult sized grave they located. This had to be my gg grandparents and an infant child from my gg grandmother's second marriage.

As if that wasn't enough I am being sent documents relating to the financing and refinancing of the run and station. These documents note the stock numbers on the property and even the brand marks on the animals.

The next day I went searching for evidence of my gg grandfather's slaughter house on Camp Hill outside Beaufort. By talking about this to a local in the "I" office I found out that there was a Slaughter House Lane not far away and many of the locals had wondered why it had that name. Maybe my gg grandfather's business was the reason for this? The site where buildings and stock yards had been is being cleared but the remains of a building still stand amid all this rubble. I have yet to sight documents relating to the purchase of this property but it looks promising.

*Next meeting :Tuesday
24th September
"DNA: what it can do for your
family history"
Speaker : Lorna Henderson*

Bill McKeich,
Convenor

YURU 2013 Rodger Fox - A story of three generations



YURU 2013 Family Jazz with Rodger Fox, opened at Southwards Theatre, Sunday August 18 with almost 300 tickets sold plus 18 members of the Fox family from all over New Zealand. Also great to see one of our original guests, Anna Kenna of Raumati, in the audience. She and Kevin Milne (formerly of Fair Go), were our first guests at an Expo in Coastlands Mall in 2008.

Rodger's band, minus singer Erna Ferry due to illness, gave us a range of jazz numbers and CD excerpts intertwined with the script written by Clive and Merrilee Palmer and Sue Greene. The story recalled the lives of three generations of professional music talent through Harry, Louis and Rodger Fox. At the end of the show Sue, wearing her research hat, presented Rodger and his sister Liz Maxwell with a book containing their family history with copies of all the research material she collected, photos, memorabilia, the audio-visual presentation and script.

The following night's presentation at Circa Theatre in Wellington was another good performance on a very appropriate stage set of period furniture - that of Arthur Miller's *The Price*, but with a poor audience turnout. Door sales were limited probably due to mother nature providing some competition from the previous Friday's strong earthquake.

The show moves to Hawera on November 15, a town where Rodger's grandfather Harry Fox and father Louis Fox became

household names in the brass band and music scene. Special guests are the Hawera Brass Band and the production will feature items that can be played jointly by a brass band and jazz ensemble. The producers are working on a revised script to acknowledge the work the Fox family did in the Hawera community. If you have friends and family in Taranaki, get them to watch the local networks for details - Friday 15 November, 7.30pm, Hawera Memorial Theatre. Details also on the NZSG website shortly. And YURU 2014? We have some exciting plans underway so watch this space!



Photos - Rodger Fox at Southwards;
Cast and Crew Clive Palmer, Rodger Fox, Sue Greene.

Acknowledgement: Timeline Photos

WW100 project: New Zealand's First World War centenary commemorations

The centenary of New Zealand's participation in the First World War will be marked over several years with many different commemorative projects and activities. Keep an eye on the official web site (<http://ww100.govt.nz/>). Just one of the exciting projects are plans underway for Archives New Zealand and the National Library to make World War I memorabilia available to view online, including diaries, photographs and records of thousands of New Zealand soldiers.

Monthly Meetings

August : Tom Hayes “Finding Joe Flynn”

Tom gave a lively presentation about ‘Finding Joe Flynn’. His causal and amusing presentation kept everyone connected and eventually we did indeed ‘find Joe Flynn!’ Tom has done a lot of his research the ‘old fashioned’ way. He reminded us again that whilst computers have significantly increased our chances of obtaining information, there are many things that can only be found by visiting places, reading books and asking questions.

He had some little tips that are useful specifically for Irish research, such as:

Census records; 1901 the ages have been rounded down by 5 years; Many streets did not have street numbers, so the census officer would allocate a number from which end the houses were visited – in other words for one census the census officer would start at one end, the next census at the other.

Names: For a number of reasons, in particular illiteracy, there is often more than one way of spelling a

name. Try different combinations such as changing vowels.

Also, there may be a local, unofficial, name for a place that has become the more oft used name. This means you may not find it easily on a map.

Asking the right questions at the right time and the in the right place can make the difference to solving mysteries or brick walls.

Tom recommended the following website <http://churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords>

September: How DNA can help you

Lorna Henderson will explore the mysteries of DNA and will explain why so many are now using this very useful tool in the genealogist’s toolkit. Who to choose to test for whichever problem you are trying to solve? How and where do you test? Along with several real life examples of brickwalls that tumbled and new families that were found.

APFHC News: British & Irish Society Magazines

In recent years the focus of attention of genealogists in general (but especially in the case of newer members) has moved strongly over into the world of computers, both as a source of information and also as a means of communication. It should not be forgotten however, that “genealogy” has been around for a very long time, and that therefore there are vast quantities of non-computer resources still out there just waiting to be tapped into by researchers.

I have heard this assertion recently quantified by a statement from a competent authority that “barely 3% of genealogically relevant information currently available is accessible via computers”, and whilst the quoted percentage might be arguable, one could well believe the underlying thrust of the statement. It can’t all be done by just sitting at home slumped in front of a key-board!

So, let’s consider our local Branch collection of Family History magazines - located in the Alison Procter Family History Centre (APFHC), upstairs at Paraparamu Public Library and being on open shelving, may be freely accessed by anyone and everyone anytime during library hours. They are “Reference Only” so cannot be borrowed, contain vast amounts of Family History material, and are mainly localised to specific geographic area – particularly in the British Isles. These magazines have been, and still are, donated

to us by various local members, so coverage is nowhere near to being 100%.

Current holdings include good runs of: Aberdeen & North-East Scotland, Buckinghamshire, Cleveland (South Durham/North Yorks), East of London, Essex, Huddersfield, Irish Roots, Isle of Man, Lancashire, Midlands (Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire), Norfolk, Northampton, Northumberland & Durham, NZ Nth-East England (Northumberland, Durham, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire), Scots Link OZ & NZ, Society of Genealogists (London), Somerset & Dorset, Sussex, Waltham Forest (Essex), Wiltshire, and Yorkshire. There also one or two single issues for various other Counties.

For those people whose ancestors came from Britain or Ireland, if the matching geographic area magazines can be found, then it is an investment of time to rapid-read their way through all of them, from cover to cover, no matter how old the magazines may be. The solution to one of your research problems may be there sitting on shelf at APFHC, just waiting for you to read about it. If relevant information for one of your research lines is there, it matters not whether the magazine was published in 2013, 2003, 1993, or even earlier, and the “gold” may be there just waiting for you to strike it.

Derek Griffis

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](#)

Saturday 21st Sept (KCC) 9:30 am to 4:30 pm **Back to Basics** see page 6 and our website [Programme > Courses](#)

Tuesday 24th Sept (KCC): 7:30 pm monthly meeting "DNA what it can do for your Family History" by Lorna Henderson

Thursday 17th Oct (APFHC): 5:30pm Overview of the Kapiti Branch Genealogy resources held in the APFHC at the library

Tuesday 22 Oct (KCC): 7:30 pm **monthly meeting** "Military History" by Col Ray Seymour retired curator of Waiuru Army Museum.

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., both having worldwide resources. Public and members welcome.

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

Thursday 10 October: **Australian** group (APFHC) 10 am

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

Saturday 26 October: **Legacy** (KCC) 2 pm—4.00p.m. doors open 1pm

Events around our region

October talk National Library Tiakiwai Conference Centre Lower Ground Floor

12.10 – 1pm Tuesday 15 October – What is she wearing?

Due to popular demand, Walter Cook, of the Alexander Turnbull Library's Arrangement & Description team, will repeat his Family History Month talk on how 19th and early 20th century photographs can be dated through understanding changes in woman's fashion and clothing.

Interest Groups

Family Tree Maker

At the August meeting Hanley continued helping the 2006 and earlier version session with hints for the production of their family history book. To be continued in Oct.

For the 2008 and later versions, Lorna explored the Plan view of 2012, the nerve centre of FTM.

Get organised and begin using the Task lists to plan your research and monitor progress!

Next session 26th Oct the 2008 & later versions will explore the Places menu, GedComs, and have a brief preview of FTM2014.

Legacy

40 plus people attended the August NZ Kapiti Legacy Users group from far and wide: Wanganui, Palmerston North, Hawkes Bay, Wellington, Hutt Valley and of course Kapiti.

Next session Saturday 26th October;

The ever popular annual Jan Gow workshop has

been set for 23 November, further details to be advised.

DNA group

In the September session we covered exploring Y-DNA (direct paternal line) results and determining from your matches what might be your position on the descendant tree of mankind. Also covered was how to find and join an appropriate, actively monitored, project whose volunteer administrator may be able to help you explore your results and define whether or not further testing is advisable or useful.

By the next session (Sunday 10th Nov 2pm Lorna's 293 7771) some more Family Finder results should be available for exploring.

Australian

Next session Thursday 10th October 10 am APFHC

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 24th September 2013

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start.

Supper roster: **P—T** Your continued help with this would be appreciated.

Welcome

We welcome the following new members to the branch: Ann DAVEY, Ken & Marcelle TAYLOR, Kelvin & Cecily BREMNER. We also apologise to Monica JENKS who was incorrectly welcomed last month as JENKINS.

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

After many years of coordinating this for the Branch, Derek has collected his last cartridge. We are therefore looking for a volunteer to take over this useful fundraising exercise (several hundred dollars a year) which goes towards our resources at the APFHC. Derek may be contacted at 293 1092 for the next volunteer to learn what is involved.

APFHC computers

By the time you read this our two oldest computers at the APFHC should have been replaced. Please bear with us for any teething problems that may be experienced.

Overview of Alison Procter Family History Centre (APFHC)

The last of the year's early evening introductory sessions to the APFHC facilities is:

Thursday 17th October

5.30pm – 7pm

This is your chance to become familiar with the facilities at the library, what is held there, and how to access the information.

This session is an overview of the signing in procedures, using the computers, using micro fiche, and the book and resource collection. It is a repeat of the sessions held in March and is designed particularly for new members to introduce them to the centre, but those needing a refresher are also welcome.

New online

Family Search: 5 min learning videos

Have you checked the Family Search learning centre lately? (<https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/home.html>). There are now a number of 5 minute beginning genealogy courses on a number of useful getting started subjects. Also check out the longer videos on particular countries and topics.

National Library book digitization:

<http://natlib.govt.nz/blog/posts/books-on-screen> explains how the Library is leveraging off their experience from [PapersPast](#) and the [AtoJs](#) to digitize more of their collection. The first titles available are rather eclectic, including a catalogue of the Echinodermata on NZ, a 1930 History of New Zealand and an 1820 journal of Alexander McCrae providing a first hand glimpse of early NZ.

**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

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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

Back to Basics (B2B)

*Oct meeting Tuesday
22nd October
"Military history"
Speaker : Col Ray Seymour*

Saturday 21st September Back 2 Basics (B2B)

Kapiti Community Centre

9: 30 a.m.- 4 :30 p.m.

\$10

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 second 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 21st Sept at 9:30am. [Booking form](#) on our website.