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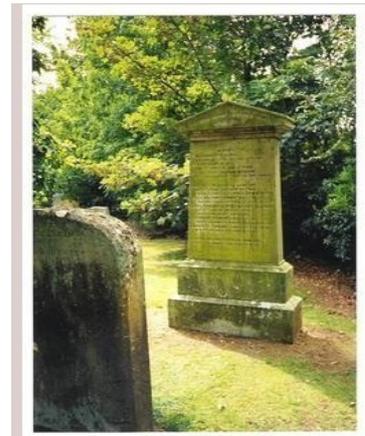
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Convenor's Comment

Recently I had occasion to research my TENNANT family—distant ancestors of my paternal grandmother. I came across this photograph posted on Ancestry.com.au of a Memorial Headstone attributed to James “Linhouse” TENNANT—a 12th great grandfather of mine. The submitter of the photo had stated that the photo was in Maucheline Cemetery, East Ayrshire and asked if anyone knew what the inscription said.

I made some enquiries of the Public Library in Kilmarnock, East Ayrshire. They were unable to comment but handed the enquiry on to the Burns Centre who came up with the information that the headstone was in fact in Old Ochiltree Cemetery nearby and was attributed to John “Auld Glen” TENNANT. I am a 1st cousin 8 time removed to him. Quite a bit distant from the 12 x g grandfather.

However, what a wealth of information the headstone contained. The Burns Centre sent me the following transcript. This is another place I shall be visiting next July.



“In Memory of John Tennant
Glenconner died 28.4..... Aged 84
years, wife Jean McClure died 5.5.1756
aged 27 years, child William died
9.6.1751 aged 1 month, second wife
Margaret McClure died 3.3.1784 aged
45 years, family of 6 sons and 7
daughters, first son Rev William
Tennant MD, LLD, FAS died 29.5.1813
aged 55 years first daughter Agnes died
14.6.1787 aged 23 years, fifth daughter
Kath died Langland 2.1.1848 aged 69
years, seventh daughter Charlotte died
4.12.1859 aged 77 years, third wife
Jean McMillan died 28.11.1798 aged 54
years”.

Bill McKeich

Convenor

*April meeting Tuesday
22 April
"Bill Swan's War"
presented by Bill McKeich*

Kapiti Branch NZSG Notice of Annual General Meeting

**NOTICE OF AGM TO BE HELD
KAPITI COMMUNITY CENTRE,
15 NGAHINA STREET, PARAPARAUMU
22 APRIL 2014 AT 7.30 P.M.**

AGENDA:

1. APOLOGIES
2. CONFIRM 2013 AGM MINUTES
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
4. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2013 - 31 MARCH 2014
5. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2013 - 31 MARCH 2014
6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2014/15
7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE *

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Notice of Motion:

That the subscription for the 2014/ 2015 year be raised to \$25.00 with effect from this meeting.

* Nominations are called for a minimum of five Committee Members, including the positions of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer.

Nominees, Nominators and Seconders must all be members of both the New Zealand Society of Genealogists and the Kapiti Branch.

Nomination forms are available from the Secretary or from [our website](#).

While nominations will be received at the AGM, members are encouraged to submit these beforehand so that credentials can be checked.

Lyn Lee
Secretary

From the Co-editor/Convenor:

A big thank you to the three retiring Committee members, Clive Palmer, Lyn Lee and Kathleen Gibson. Their input over the passed year/s will be missed. Also this is the last newsletter I will be editing. Lorna Henderson has agreed to carry on and I thank her for her invaluable input over the past year.

Bill McKeich—Editor

National Library Monthly Family History Talks

February to November, at 12.15 **third Tuesday of the month** in the Tiakiwai Conference Centre on the Lower Ground Floor.

Unfortunately the topics are usually not announced in time for the distribution of this newsletter, so please check the details nearer the time on their web site <http://natlib.govt.nz/events>.

APFHC News



Computers

Another step along the way towards making our computers consistent has been made with the two older XP machines being upgraded to Win 7.

Access to the disk collection via the menu is still being worked on, but in the meantime many can be accessed from the desktop.

Additions to our book section –March 2014

All our books, that can be borrowed, are located in the glass fronted cupboards in the Alison Proctor Family History Centre. They are listed under the catalogue section of the [Kapiti Coast District Council Libraries](#) website (keyword genealogy) along with all books located in the Otaki, Paraparaumu or Waikanae libraries. It pays to check the web catalogue frequently for any new acquisitions.

The following list of books have been relocated from the downstairs Public Library collection to our branch APFHC resources. The change of location gives these books borrowing status for members of our branch only. Browse through them - you never know what you might find re your ancestors!

Diane Beswick A History of Gristhorpe 1996 [Gristhorpe is a small village in Nth Yorkshire, England]
 Jeremy Gibson & Colin Rogers Electoral Registers since 1832 and Burgess Rolls (2nd edition) FHS 1990
 Gerald Hamilton– Edwards In Search of Welsh Ancestry Phillimore London 1987
 David T Hawkings Bound for Australia Phillimore London 1996
 David Hey The Oxford Guide to Family History Oxford University Press 1993
 Owen Mirtzelburg How to Trace Your German Ancestors Hale & Iremonger NSW Australia 1989
 R H Montague How to Trace Your Military Ancestors in Australia and New Zealand NSW Australia 1989
 June E Neale The Greenwoods: A Pioneer Family of New Zealand 1984 [Arrived Nelson in 1842]
 Janet Reakes How to Trace Your Convict Ancestors: Their Times and Records NSW Australia 1989
 Joan Rosier- Jones Writing Your Family History: A New Zealand Guide 1997
 Aileen Wood The History of a Family with New Zealand Descendants: The Lee Family of Balmerino 1988

Interest Groups

Check out [our website](#) for further details under Programme > Special Interest Groups

Legacy

Next session Saturday Apr 26th 2 to 4pm, \$2 door charge.

Topic: So you are going away

Family Tree Maker (FTM)

Next session Saturday 26th April.
 2006 and earlier (Hanley 9:30): back to basics
 2008 and later (Lorna 10:45): exploring the Media menus.

As numbers were rather low last session, we need to know if you are attending, insufficient interest will mean

this session is cancelled, as will future sessions be. Please let Hanley or Lorna know, by emailing [FTM "at" KpaitiGen.org](mailto:FTM@KpaitiGen.org).

DNA

The April session covered how to interpret your FamilyFinder results and explaining the tests available and who to test to confirm that yes, two potential cousins did indeed share a grandfather.

Next session Sunday 8th June 2-4pm

Contact Lorna 293 7771 for more information.

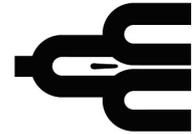
Australian SIG

Continues monthly at the APFHC 2nd Thursdays 10:30am

NZSG Conference and Annual General Meeting



“Hills Harbours Heritage” Queens Birthday Weekend 30 May - 2 June



Hosted by Kilbirnie Branch

Wellington Girls College, Pipitea St Wellington.

The conference is open to all, whether NZSG members or not.

Read all about on the website <http://www.genealogy.org.nz> or in the February New Zealand Genealogist.

It's not too late to register.

The keynote speaker is Dr Colleen Fitzpatrick a 'forensic genealogy' consultant for major military and civilian organisations, and has solved some of the most puzzling identification cases both historical and recent. She was a key member of the team who identified the remains of the “Unknown Child of the Titanic” and was also consulted on the case in which the author of the international bestseller *Surviving with Wolves* was exposed as a fraud. Colleen is now the forensic genealogist looking at the possible discovery of the remains of Amelia Earhart.

List of speakers available at http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Speakers_259.aspx

Always a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Programme News

April Branch Meeting

Bill Swan's War

When: Tuesday 22nd April

Where: Kapiti Community Centre

With the 100th WWI commemorations due to start it is timely to take a journey with a Gallipoli soldier who not only survived the landing on April 25th 1915 but also went on to serve in France and Belgium and finally be discharged in 1919.

Supper 7pm. AGM starts 7.30 pm.

“How to” time to be taken up with the Branch AGM

May Branch Meeting

On the Distin Trail

When: Tuesday May 27th 7 pm—9pm.

Where: Kapiti Community Centre

Branch Member Hilary Cunningham will share some of her discoveries from her research in the UK that grew her tree from just a handful of people when she left NZ.

Supper 7 p.m. Meeting starts at 7.30 p.m.

How to: Our Website (<http://KapitiGen.org>)

Last meeting a member was asking Deborah about the Taita Cemetery and she has provided the following links:

Taita Lawn Cemetery - <http://cemeteries.huttcity.govt.nz/>

Christ Church Cemetery - <http://www.christ-church.org.nz/graveyard>

Many councils now have computerised cemetery records - try a web search, or check the fiche cemetery fiche at the APFHC

About WWI Record Formats

The Following Notes are taken from the NZ Archives Website

You may notice that WWI service records found by your search are in different formats. All records are available as single image files but some also have multi-page PDFs available.

Archives New Zealand is digitising all the WWI records held by the New Zealand Defence Force and is publishing them to our website. Around 160,000 files—some of them with more than 600 pages—are being digitised and published. The Defence Force has also recently located a number of additional files which will be included in our online publication programme.

More than half of the records supplied so far have been digitised and published both as single-page image files and also in PDF, which is a convenient and widely accessible format.

Mindful that August 2014 is the anniversary of the outbreak of WWI, we have stopped uploading PDF files because it is a much longer process than publishing single page image files. This will enable us to more efficiently upload the remainder of the files to our website.

Although we recognise that the single-page image format is less convenient for some users (particularly if you are accessing a large number of pages or files), it means we can more quickly publish the bulk of the WWI files and make them available before the end of 2014.

Where a PDF version of a file has been created, you can still access it through the new viewer by

following these steps:

1. Click the heading 'Preservation Master' on the top left hand side of the viewer.
2. Click the 'Derivative Copy' option and select 'Table of Contents'. An icon will appear on the right hand side.
3. Click the caption 'image 1' to display the PDF.

Once we have finished scanning and uploading all the files to the website where they are available to the public, we plan to retrospectively convert the image files to PDFs. We will keep you posted about this and apologise for any inconvenience that the mix of file formats might cause you in the meantime.

Helpful Tips:

If you are experiencing difficulties when using Internet Explorer 11, you may find it easier to access the screen viewer using a different browser (such as Chrome or Firefox).

If you want to print files or access PDF versions—if they are available—click on the words 'Derivative Copy' on the left-hand side of your screen and follow the screen prompts (the process varies slightly depending on which browser you are using).

For more about getting the best from your Archway searches see our guidance pages.

NOTE: If the file you want to view is not digitised and you require access within the next fifteen days (cost is \$25) please email:

[Research.Archives "at" dia.govt.nz](mailto:Research.Archives@dia.govt.nz)

Round Robins

If you wish to subscribe to any of our Round Robin magazines, contact Meryl Opie ([RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org)) to get your name added to the list.

Further details on our website under [Resources > Round Robins](#).

All have items of interest in them.

The *Who Do You Think You Are* March 2014 issue featured here contains an article on the collaboration between FindMyPast, the British Library, and the Families in British India Society (FIBIS) whose members have been researching and indexing European or



Anglo-India ancestors living and working in India or South Asia between 1600 and 1947.

Also included is an article on indexing. Remember that most of what we all rely on online has to be indexed - YOU can help by giving something in return for your use of the efforts of past indexers. The article features, amongst others, [Scotlands Places](#) indexing of the Ordnance Survey name books and tax rolls, and [Billion Graves](#) headstone photography project.

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 . They are also all in the [programme information on our website](#)

April 22nd: Tuesday 7 pm AGM & Monthly meeting: "Bill Swan's War" presented by Bill McKeich

May 9th: Thursday 10:30 to 11:30 National Archives Visit

May 15th: Thursday 5:30 pm to 7 APFHC Familiarisation for members- second session: BDM resources in NZ and overseas

May 27th: Tuesday 7 pm Monthly meeting: Hilary Cunningham "On the Distin Trail"

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 worldwide Ancestry and FindMyPast. Public and members welcome.

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

April 26th: Family Tree Maker Group 9:30 to 12:30 (KCC) \$4 door charge; 2006 and earlier versions - 9:30am back to basics and revision (Hanley) Later versions (Lorna) after 10:30 morning tea - the media menu but see pg 3

April 26th: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group 2 to 4pm (KCC) doors open 1pm. \$2 door charge;

May 8th: Australian Interest Group 10 am to 12 noon (APFHC)

You may also be interested in:

Monthly talks at the National Library:

Every **third Tuesday of the month**, February to November, at 12.15 in the Tiakiwai Conference Centre on the Lower Ground Floor, details available on their web site <http://natlib.govt.nz/events>

30 May to 2 Jun: NZSG 2014 Conference (**Hills - Harbours - Heritage**) and NZSG AGM - mark your calendars now. ration & more information available from NZSG Web Site at http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Conference_2014_254.aspx .

Records Show Prince Harry And His Girlfriend Are Related

Prince Harry & girlfriend Cressida Bonas are distant cousins – their surprising link was revealed when old UK records were put on line in Britain for the first time. Prince Harry's girlfriend is related to Diana, Princess of Wales and Sir Winston Churchill. This finding was made as millions of records pre-dating the census were published for the first time. More than 11 million documents, know as the Tithe Records, provide details of ownership and occupancy of land in England and Wales dating from 1836 to 1930, when they were phased out.

They can now be found on TheGenealogist.co.uk after being published in partnership with The National Archives.

The Press, Monday 17th March 2014

New Project To Put 40 Million Wartime British Records Online

The most anticipated family history project since the 1911 census.

The only complete overview of the population between 1922 and 1950 will open up the past

British-owned online family history world leader [DC Thomson Family History](#) (who own findmypast) and The National Archives have announced on 27th March 2014 a joint project to make records of 40 million civilians held in the **1939 register** available online. Once digitised, it is estimated that the collection will comprise almost 1.2 million scanned full-colour images of documents covering the entire

civilian population of England & Wales at the outbreak of WWII.

The 1939 register was taken on 29th September 1939 by the British Government and recorded personal details of individuals in order to issue identity cards and ration books. It later formed the basis of the National Health Service's records. When complete, the 1939 register will be fully searchable online for the first time, opening up the past to a new generation of family and social historians, just as the 1911 census did on its release in 2009.

The records contain the address, full name, date of birth, sex, marital status and occupation of individuals, as well as changes of name.

Although the Register is literally within living memory for many people, information about living individuals will be kept closed for 100 years from their year of birth, or until proof of death has been authenticated..

From today, anybody interested in being kept informed about the project can register at www.1939register.co.uk.

The 1941 census was not taken owing to World War II, while the 1931 census, including schedules, enumeration books and plans, was destroyed in a fire at the Office of Works store at Hayes, Middlesex on Saturday 19th December 1942. The fire was not the result of enemy bombing in the Second World War but was due to an unexplained incident. *FindMyPast*

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 22 April 2014

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: AGM starts.

Supper roster: Q—Z

If your surnames starts with the above letters, your help with the supper would be appreciated.

Welcome

We welcome new members James & Lynda HERON and Sherryn HINKLEY.

Website

Late breaking news and events that we find out about between newsletters are added to [our website](#). 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

Should members need assistance with their research, they are welcome at the weekly Wednesday morning sessions at the APFHC at the Paraparaumu Library, or can 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

Pat Keppel would be pleased to receive your used ink cartridges. Please continue to bring your empty cartridges to the monthly Branch meetings or leave them either in or on top of the glass cabinet in the APFHC, Alternatively if it is more convenient for you to drop the cartridges off in Raumati, Pat has offered to allow this at his home at 39 Lorna Irene Drive. If they won't fit in the letterbox just leave them at the front door. Pat Ph (04) 299 1100

Printer, Paper and Toner

Please remember that you are asked to contribute 10c. per copy for the printing 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.

Subscriptions

Our new membership year began on the 1st of April.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, your subs are now overdue.

Any subs paid before the AGM will remain at the bargain price of \$20 per individual for the year. As per the AGM notice, there is a motion that the sub be increased to \$25 per year, this being our first increase since 2007. Last year we absorbed the rental increases we were faced with, along with the increased costs for maintaining the APFHC. In addition we face some potential changes in the Library environment overall that are expected to impact us. Payment may be made by cash or cheque (made out

to Kapiti Genealogy) and handed to a committee member at any meeting, or by internet banking Westpac 03 0732 0263025 00

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

Please also enter your NZSG number, if applicable, in one of the payee/reference fields.

Allow up to a fortnight for processing & delivery of your new (cream) card.

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

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

**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 from the To address before sending.

Committee meetings: 7pm, 1st Wednesday of months February—December.

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

March Monthly Meeting: Mad, Bad or Sad

Gerald Twiss gave us a lively presentation on a John Twiss, he had researched as part of his Twiss one name study.

John Twiss, had unfortunately killed a man. He believed he was being poisoned by a cook – so he stabbed him! Gerald gave a step by step presentation on how he found and accessed Police and medical records for this man. He was passed back and forth between Archives NZ and the Ministry of Health but encouraged us to persevere. As always there is a degree of chance, but Gerald explained that sometimes our ancestors 'want to be found!' Gerald left us to decide if we thought he was mad or sad – but he definitely was not bad!

Nurses Website (from the Kilbirnie Branch Newsletter)

<http://www.nzans.org/index.htm> The site includes an extensive history of the nursing service including the names of virtually every nurse who served in the military.

The owner of the website, Sheryl, is always keen to help researchers and to receive information about the nursing service.

*Next Meeting
Tuesday May 27th
Hilary Cunningham
"On the Distin Trail"*