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Interest & User
Groups are on our
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[http://kapitigen.org/
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Convenor's Comment

I have recently spent the most frustrating few days I have ever experienced in front of a computer. It all began when for some reason unknown to me I found that I was not able to Synchronize my Family Tree Maker (FTM) tree with my Family tree on Ancestry.com. I think it all went pear shaped during a Synchronizing of a large number of Media pictures. However what was I to do?

Unbeknownst to me my two trees—the FTM one and the Ancestry one became unlinked. The situation worsens.

At this stage I decided to contact the Help and Advice services of Ancestry.com.au. I ended up with two documents forwarded to me. One was entitled "Re-linking a tree between Family Tree Maker 2012—2014 and Ancestry" and the other "Using the TreeSync feature in Family Tree Maker 2012—2014". The instructions in both these documents were very explicit and I had no trouble in following them. At one point however I was

required to upload a GEDCOM File from my tree on Ancestry and along the way I took the opportunity to rename my trees to distinguish them from the plethora of other trees I seem to have saved in my Documents file.

All's well that end's well and I lost nothing in the process although I did have some anxious moments.

You will find a report further on in the Newsletter from Kathy about our Branch Meeting in January. This turned out to be a huge success. The headlines members found in Papers Past to talk about certainly captured our imaginations and I am sure that this format for a Branch Meeting could well be repeated later on in the year.

It is getting closer to the time when we need to think about the future administration of the Branch. The incumbents in three key positions are not seeking re-election and we need to look around for a new Convenor and Secretary in particular and possibly two new Committee Members. If you can help please talk to any of the current committee.

Bill McKeich

Convenor

**February meeting Tuesday
25 February
"Changes with the Computers at
APFHC and use of NZ Gazette"
with Research Officer Sue Greene**

From “ScotlandsPeople” website

(More) Historical Property Records Go Online

The Valuation Rolls of 1885 offer genealogists and other history researchers a fascinating picture of Victorian Scottish society, including figures ranging from William McGonagall to Dr Sophia Jex-Blake

Property records containing the names and addresses of more than 1.4 million people living in Scotland in 1885 will be released on ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk, the government's family history website, at 9am on Tuesday 11 February.

Called Valuation Rolls, the new records comprise over 77,000 digital images taken from 144 volumes, and cover every type of property which was assessed as having a rateable value in 1885. As the records include details of owners, tenants and occupiers of property, they offer historians and genealogists an excellent online resource for researching Scottish society in the late Victorian age.

Visitors to the website will be able to search the 1885 Valuation Rolls by name and address, with the records listing the names of owners, tenants and occupiers of each property - in many cases occupations are also included. Since the Rolls list every type of rateable property in Scotland, these new records include people from all the social classes.

Some famous episodes in Scottish history can be traced using the Rolls. As the 1880s witnessed mass protests by crofters in the Highlands and Islands, ScotlandsPeople researchers looked at Rolls that contain the names and addresses of people who were imprisoned following the 'Battle of the Braes' on Skye in 1883.

Dr Sophia Jex-Blake, one of the first female medical students of Edinburgh University, was running her pioneering medical practice in Bruntsfield, Edinburgh, for the benefit of women and children, and the Rolls reveal that she owned the house in Grove Street that was rented by her out-patient clinic, the Edinburgh Provident Dispensary for Women and Children.

Elsewhere in the Capital tenants were moving into Well Court in the Dean Village, a new housing development for the working class paid for by John Ritchie Findlay, proprietor of *The Scotsman*. Meanwhile his more famous project of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery in Queen Street was still under construction, and was valued at only £40.

Perhaps the only person who is listed in the Rolls as a 'poet' is William McGonagall, living in humble rented accommodation in Dundee, where he eked out a precarious livelihood performing his work and working as a weaver. Elsewhere in the town William Arrol, the famous engineer, was supervising the building of the replacement Tay Bridge, following the destruction of the first bridge in 1879. He had moved temporarily from Glasgow during the contract.

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs in the Scottish Government, said:

“ScotlandsPeople is a superb digital resource for those who to wish explore their family pasts, both for Scots who live here now and for those whose ancestors left Scotland as part of the Diaspora. I hope that researching these new online records will inspire people to visit Scotland to see the places where their ancestors lived and worked, making their own journey of discovery in this year of Homecoming.”

Tim Ellis, Registrar General and Keeper of the Records of Scotland, said:

“The Valuation Rolls of 1885 are a wonderful quarry for people wanting to find out more about the lives and homes of their Victorian ancestors – or for those who are interested in the rich stories and characters of that period. The National Records of Scotland is committed to continuously improving and enhancing its services, and I'm delighted that we've now been able to make these fascinating records available online through our ScotlandsPeople website.”

Annelies van den Belt, the CEO of DC Thomson Family History, who enable the ScotlandsPeople website on behalf of the National Records of Scotland, said:

“We're extremely pleased to add this new set of historical property records to the ScotlandsPeople website. We've now released five sets of Valuation Rolls, covering the years 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915 and 1920. With this new release we've again chosen a mid-point between censuses, as we believe this will help family historians to find out more about those ancestors who moved address and/or changed jobs between census years.”

The Valuation Rolls mentioned are now available on the ScotlandsPeople website.

BOOKS WANTED! Paraparaumu College Fair - Saturday 12th April

Cathy Braddock is co-ordinating a bookfair at the college fair and would like to hear from you if you have any books you can donate. Cathy is prepared to collect the books from you.

Contact Cathy on: Phone 9050068 (evenings) or email [catherine.braddock "at" "gmail.com](mailto:catherine.braddock@gmail.com)

(and yes Cathy is Mary's daughter)

APFHC News



Dirk and Sue are still working on completing the work behind the screen above.

They admit to hitting problems, not altogether unforeseen, with making all our CDs load from the server, ie without having to load the CD onto the individual pcs.

The temporary solution is that icons for most are now back on the desktop of the pcs, outside the above menu, but that may not be the case for all

CDs particularly on pcs 5 & 6.

Library Donations

Those interested in Somerset and Devon may be interested in the Family History Society magazines donated recently by Monica Jenks. These, and other Society magazines may be found at the bottom right of the open shelves to the left of the wooden cupboards.

Interest Groups

Legacy - Sat 22nd Feb (KCC):

Legacy 8 - customizing & discussing any problems anyone is having with Legacy 8.

Family Tree Maker -Sat 22nd Feb (KCC):

2006 and earlier versions: Hanley - Back to Basics
Later versions: Lorna - continuing the walk through the menu items with "Media".

DNA

Two monthly, very informal, group for anyone wanting to share tips and hints and ask for assistance (we even fitted in some RootsMagic Q & A this month).

Those considering venturing forth might be interested in these two very informative articles:

Getting started – a series of 4 introductory lectures by CeCe Moore on Geni about dna testing ([part 1](#), [part 2](#), [part 3](#), [part 4](#))

[Beginners Guide](#) to genetic genealogy by Kelly Wheaton

Australian

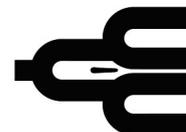
Continues monthly at the APFHC 2nd Thursdays

As always, check out our website for further details.

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.

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.

Other speakers include Jan Gow (“Sight, Site, Cite”), Tony Simpson (“Edward Gibbon Wakefield, Karl Marx and Early Wellington”) Jane Tolerton (“Ettie Rout: Guardian Angel of the Anzacs”), and many others including speakers from the National Library and ArchivesNZ on getting the best from their collections.

Rooms full of computers, with helpers from your favourite websites, and “The Hub” with repository desks, interest groups and help tables.

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

Subscriptions

Our membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March. Although your pink membership card doesn’t expire until the end of March, it would be appreciated if you would consider renewing your subscription early to spread the workload involved. As an incentive, any subs paid early will remain at the bargain price of \$20 per individual for the year.

The sub may have to be reviewed at the AGM - as we may have to cover security changes at the Library, and consider the impact of last year’s increased rentals.

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](mailto:Treasurer@KapitiGen.org) to advise that payment has been made.

If also a member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, please enter your NZSG number in one of the payee/reference fields.

Please allow up to a fortnight for processing of your new 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”](#).

Some Interesting Web Sites to Explore

From the Kilbirnie newsletter:

Scandinavian records available (From Dick Eastman 11 December 2013).

MyHeritage, have added more than 32 million records from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland, dating back to the early 1600s. Additionally, MyHeritage is investing millions of dollars to digitize more Nordic historical content and has signed new agreements that will result in a wealth of Nordic historical records to be added during the next few years. <http://blog.myheritage.com/2013/12/new-myheritage-adds-millions-of-nordic-records>.

From the Porirua Newsletter:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sooty/nzplacenames.html>

New Zealand places that changed their name

<http://gbnames.publicprofiler.org/>

The distribution of surnames in England and Scotland

<http://www.bda-online.org.au/>

This new website launched in Australia is devoted to creating a large biographical database of Australians. Known as the Biographical Database of Australia (BDA), the first batch of records contain convict, muster, census, baptism, marriage and burial records from New South Wales (1788-1828) and for Norfolk Island and Tasmania (1802-1811). In the future, data will be added for all states and territories. Well worth checking out if you have Australian ancestors. The indexes are free to search although there is a fee to see the underlying records.

<http://www.openculture.com/2013/11/fly-through-17th-century-london.html>

Take a stroll up 17th century Pudding Lane, London as it existed before the Great Fire of 1666.

Find My Past additions:

British in India

You can now discover your British ancestors who lived and worked in India from 1698–1947. Findmypast, in partnership with the British Library, brings you this exclusive record collection online for the first time.

Head east with our British in India collection. Find out whether your relatives were aristocracy, tradespeople, civil servants or soldiers and finally discover those missing ancestors with new records spanning 200 years of history.

These 2.5 million records include:

- Baptisms, marriages & burials
- Army officers' marriage notifications
- Records for other locations administered by the India Office (Aden, Burma, Kuwait, St Helena)
- Civil service records
- Pension registers
- Probate records & wills

Ancestry:

Great to see the partnership announced with FamilySearch is now visible in that, eg Scottish Births Deaths and Marriage indexes are now available.

Can be a bit disconcerting to be shown only a name with no context as to place or date until you realise that you are looking at, eg, a parent, not the child being baptized.

FamilySearch:

Free Guide to Cornish Ancestors

<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/free-guide-cornwall-england-ancestors/>

Checked out youtube lately?

It's a bit like PapersPast. Just nip in for one video and get sidetracked by all the suggestions down the side of the page.

Victorian Workhouses

Secrets from the workhouse Episode 1

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1QtmV_rnNQ

Medieval background to Birth, Marriage & Death

Episode 1. A good birth:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvQp_hCPKjl

Which links to episodes 2. A good marriage, and 3. A good death:

The Viking Series with Neil Oliver:

Episode 1. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVLlJ3QpF3k>

(the remainder are linked from the above).

RootsTech

Didn't get to RootsTech? Watch some presentations here <https://rootstech.org/about/videos/>

“Getting the most out of ancestry” comes recommended - stick with it beyond the first few minutes.

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](#)

February 25th: Tuesday 7pm Monthly meeting. The New Interface at APFHC and NZ Gazette with Sue Greene. See notice on page 7

March 6th: Thursday 10:30 am Tour of the Police Museum. See attached flier, we need to know numbers by 3rd March.

March 20th: Thursday 5:30 to 7 pm Overview of our resources at the APFHC and how to use them.

March 25th: Tuesday 7 pm Monthly meeting: Hilary Cunningham - On the Distin Trail, see page 7..

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](#))

February 22nd: 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 - media;

February 22nd: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group 2 to 4pm (KCC) doors open 1pm. \$2 door charge;

March 13th: Australian Interest Group 10 am to 12 noon (APFHC)

You may also be interested in:

18th March: Monthly National Library Lunch Time talk - topic tba - when known will be posted on our website.

30 May to 2 Jun: NZSG 2014 Conference (**Hills - Harbours - Heritage**) and NZSG AGM - mark your calendars now.

Registration & more information available from NZSG Web Site at <http://www.genealogy.org.nz/>

[Conference_2014_254.aspx](#) .

How would you recover lost data?

No doubt many of you had a bit of a chuckle at my misfortune reported last month - data lost from a database crash, and no recent enough backup. I hope that you all rushed off and did a backup both to your computer, and offsite.

But how many of you thought about your work processes to enable you to recover a period of lost work?

Do you keep any sort of diary of which families you worked on and updated your database with?

What did I have available to recreate the work done?

A list of people extracted by the developer for me, but as the list contained more than the missing person IDs it was obviously both new and updated people.

Scribbled notes in my daily to do list - but of course, no indication that I'd actually done what I planned to do for the day, and my memory is rather fallible!

A gedcom of a completely new family line that I'd researched, input, and uploaded to WikiTree during the period.

Updates on Ancestry of any documents found there and attached to people in assorted trees, ditto FamilySearch source records attached to the appropriate people in the FamilyTree.

Emails with many correspondents about exciting finds, things to explore over the time period.

Newly added photos and certificate scans.

I was beginning to feel like a truly forensic genealogist hunting for clues of my own updates.

Ancestry updates? Not a chance of identifying them that I can currently discover. There are many posts about ancestry/FTM not having a last edit date feature, dating back many many years.

FamilySearch FamilyTree - yes, each person has a history, but unless you've marked everyone for your watch list (I don't), and thus receive weekly reports of any updates to them, rather hard to extract.

The gedcom to WikiTree was a godsend as that was easily imported, and the people linked into position. Even without the gedcom, WikiTree's history of changes is available from your account, both yours and others, for all on your Trusted list.

WikiTree won the Lorna recovery prize!

Although not all of my updates had been exported, this did make me even more determined to regularly update my two main online trees - WikiTree and WorldConnect, which both cope with last update dates, and do a backup each night regardless of how tired I am.

Lorna

Just as finished this, a restored copy came back from Support. Now to merge!

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 25 February 2014

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start.

Supper roster: I—L

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

Welcome

We welcome Ann BENNETT-EUSTACE, Dave KEIGHTLEY, Graham ASHLEY, Mary FRASER and Nina O'FLYNN to the branch.

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

Should members need assistance with their research, they are welcome at the weekly Wednesday morning sessions at the APFHC at the Paraparamu 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.

Programme News

February Branch Meeting

The new Interface at APFHC and NZ Gazette

When: Tuesday Feb 25th 7 pm—9 pm

Where: Kapiti Community Centre

Our Research Officer Sue Greene will explain how to use the new interface on the computers at the APFHC at the Paraparamu Public Library. Sue will also explain how to access and use the NZ Gazette.

Supper 7pm. Meeting starts 7.30 pm.

How to: using browser tabs and split screens

March Branch Meeting

On the Distin Trail

When: Tuesday Mar 25th 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: capturing screen data including the snipping tool

**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 of months February—December.

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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

January Meeting Report "Here is the News"

The first meeting for the year was a success with more than enough contributions. The variety was amazing.

- **The serious and sad** – murders, massacres and ship wrecks. Also very public claims regarding illegitimate children.
- **The mundane and routine** - despair at low attendance at PTA meetings in Paraparaumu, details of weddings and Women's Institute meetings.
- **The surprising** – Grandfather's aeroplane, the activities of The Spinsters Club and fines for dangerous driving - greater than five miles per hour!
- **The funny** – Days Bay Picnic – intriguingly one race was called the 'Elopement Race', which was followed by the 'Married Men's Race'!
- **The perplexing** – the issue of no communion wine in Indo-China therefore the need to use Pale Ale, which unfortunately frothed considerably

meaning the first partakers got only froth, whilst the last, beer!

We ran out of time and no doubt missed out on even intriguing and fascinating stories.

Feedback was instant with a request to 'do this again', so perhaps we will repeat this at our November meeting. Special thanks to Lorna for the first 'how to' presentation – Papers Past. Also to both Lorna and Lindsay for doing a fantastic job at finding the various paper clippings so speedily.

Afterwards one of our members who used to be in the business explained why there were so many snippets from elsewhere included in surprising places, both placement in the paper, and in what city's papers - the pre-prepared blocks of items that could be slotted in to the appropriate gap to fill a gap on a page.

That could certainly explain the Pale Ale item at the bottom of an article on massacres.