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## Convenor's Comment

Remember to  
check our website  
<http://KapitiGen.org>  
for additional  
information on  
events, Branch,  
Interest & User  
Groups, and any  
late changes.

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Greetings.

Firstly welcome to the New Year. I hope 2015 will bring you much pleasure as you continue to research your families histories. No doubt many of you had the opportunity to join in the recent festivities with family and friends. I am sure that many stories of past times together will have been told around the table. But genealogy does not stop with the past and the present. It carries on into the future and it behoves us all to continue recording those family tales and adding our newest family members to our trees so that future generations can learn to appreciate the sacrifices our past and present generations have and will have made for them. For me personally it has been a time for reflection since it is almost 10 years since my wife passed away and I know Mary would be proud to know how her grandchildren have grown to be a credit to their parents. Much of my research over the past month has involved making contact with distant relatives around the world covering the many lines of my family as it branched out and immigrated from Scotland to the USA, Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. I have had first hand

accounts sent to me of the ice cold storms which are sweeping across the northern states of the USA and at the other end of the planet accounts of the devastating fires in the Adelaide Hills, South Australia and also Victoria. We can count our blessings that we live in a country with moderate temperatures.

We look forward to a full programme again this year and we begin with a repeat of the popular "Here is the News". News items not necessarily connected to your family but something which has grabbed your attention should be brought along. "Papers Past" and "Trove" should be explored to find these items and if you can warn Kathy or Lorna of the item you wish to present we may be able to have it screened for all to see and read.

Thinking ahead, we will be looking for a number of new committee members for the next financial year. Please start thinking now if you may be able to contribute to the smooth running of Kapiti Genealogy in any capacity.

Until 7 p.m Tuesday January 27th at the Kapiti Community Centre,

Happy hunting,  
Bill McKeich  
Convenor

**This month's meeting  
Tuesday Jan 27th "Here is the  
News"**

## On line family trees - WikiTree



This time I'll cover one of the newer sites to publish your data to.

WikiTree <http://WikiTree.com>

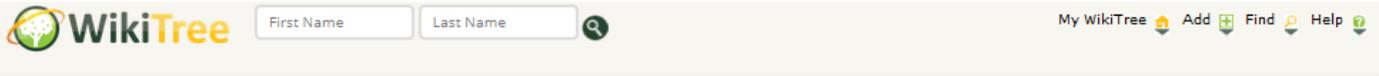
### What's different about WikiTree?

It's free.

It's a "one world tree" where any particular person should only appear in the tree once.

It has great privacy and trusted list controls to aid collaboration and avoid nonsensical merges.

It has a great [Hono\(u\)r Code](#) and great dna links.



### Wiki Genealogist Honor Code

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WikiTree is free, but it's not a free-for-all. Our wiki genealogy community is creating something special: a single, shared family tree that will make genealogy free and accessible for everyone. This grand project requires **mutual trust** and a **common understanding** of how the community works.

If you were invited by a family member and are just creating or editing a few private family profiles, the following isn't critical. Those who participate at a higher level must agree to this shared code of ethics and principles.

#### Our Honor Code

- I. We **collaborate**. When we share ancestors we work together on the [same ancestor profiles](#).
- II. We care about **accuracy**. We're always aiming to improve upon our worldwide family tree and fix mistakes.
- III. We know mistakes are inevitable. We don't want to be afraid to make them. We **assume that mistakes are unintentional** when others make them and ask for the same understanding.
- IV. We know misunderstandings are inevitable. We try to minimize them by being [courteous to everyone](#), even those who don't act accordingly.
- V. We respect **privacy**. We [privacy-protect](#) anything we think our family members might not want public. If that's not enough for someone, we delete their personal information.
- VI. We respect **copyrights**. We don't knowingly copy information that's owned by someone else. If we ourselves want to preserve a copyright, we're clear about what's copyrighted so others don't accidentally copy it.
- VII. We give **credit**. Although most genealogy isn't copyrighted, researchers deserve [credit](#) for the work they've done.
- VIII. We cite **sources**. Without [sources](#) we can't objectively resolve conflicting information.
- IX. We are united in a [mission](#) to increase the world's common store of knowledge. We always respect copyrights and privacy, but we **keep information as free and open as possible**.

This code is a pledge that community members make to each other. The creators and hosts of WikiTree have also made a pledge: [to keep WikiTree free](#).

Anyone registered may collaborate on the combined data for a person, within the constraints of the Trusted lists and Privacy controls for the living.

Profiles, ie people, over 200 years old are considered "open".

This "One World Tree" concept is the same as FamilySearch FamilyTree, WeRelate and Gen-i where the former has no restrictions for updating other than the living, and Gen-i has some controls operated by the profile manager. WeRelate does not allow living people on the site, other than world famous public

figures.

WikiTree has a range of privacy options able to be set for the living and those born within the last 200 years.

Which make it a good choice for working together with family members wherever they are.

Don't panic if a contribution of yours gets deleted. Restore it from the change history!

As for WorldConnect (last newsletter) WikiTree is a great place to refer people to for a quick overview. It has a great range of viewing options.

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## January Branch Meeting

**When:** Tuesday January 27th 7 pm—9 pm **Where:** Kapiti Community Centre

**Who:** YOU

**Here is the News:** Members to explore online newspapers or bring a newspaper clipping to share. It does not need to be connected to your own research. (10 mins max each.)

Provide a link to Kathy before the meeting if you wish it to be shown on screen.

**How To:** Using Advanced Google search features



## APFHC News



Help instructions for the above program are now on our website under Membership > Members only.

### Help Sessions

Please note that the Wed am sessions at the APFHC where volunteers are available to help you resumed on Jan 21st. Bev is always glad to hear from anyone able to volunteer their services to help.

### Research Day.

**Saturday March 7, APFHC, Paraparaumu Library**

Do you need help with a brick wall, the next step, or even just to get started? Here is your chance to get one-on-one help with your research. We are holding a research day on Saturday February 7th at the APFHC. You will have up to 90 minutes with a volunteer. All the resources will be available for use – computers, microfiche, books etc.

There is no charge. To book a time slot, email or phone Kathy Callaghan, [kathycallaghan "at" gmail.com](mailto:kathycallaghan@gmail.com) 04 297 0733.

Let us know what or where you are researching and we will match you up with a volunteer.

We have to fit in with the library opening hours and we have 6 computers, so numbers are strictly limited.

### The Kapiti Genealogy Menu

Remember that you no longer have to load physical cds.

Simply click on the image of the cd beside the resource you want to view, then click on the title

If there isn't a cd image, just click on the title.

Time slots available are:

10.30am – 12.00pm

12.00pm – 1.30pm

1.30pm – 3.00pm

### 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.

### 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. Supplies of these are available for purchase at a bargain price at the Wednesday morning sessions.

### Computers

We ask for your consideration on Wednesday mornings. If you are researching and do not need the help of the volunteers, please consider coming at another time than the 10 to 12 timeslot when use of the computers is at a premium.

## From the editor

I see from the editors inbox that I was flooded with volunteers to help out with the production of your newsletter!

This month I'm expanding on this request, as what I really need is a replacement full stop.

I have increasing trouble providing this newsletter in a timely fashion, so it really does need a new editor with more time and energy than I.

Expressions of interest welcome as the March

newsletter will be my last, at least for a while.

I'd even prefer it if February was my last, as March is always a busy time for me, what with membership renewals and annual accounts to prepare.

Perhaps you can help?

If you think you can help, please respond to [Editor "at" KaitiGen.org](mailto:Editor@KaitiGen.org)

## New resources to explore

### FindMyPast

Over 1,776,000 UK parish records from the historic county of Nottinghamshire, over 1,500 detailed monumental inscriptions from Norfolk and a fascinating index of newspapers notices from Eastbourne in Sussex.

Over 2,600 WWI officer biographies from both volumes of the British Army Bond of Sacrifice, over 92,000 Parish Marriages from London's Docklands and East End, over 1,400 Derby Railway Servants Orphanage records and substantial new additions to our collection of historic British Newspapers.

Quite a few new Irish resources mentioned in their new blog, including:

Over 1.1 million new newspaper articles, including 10 new titles. The new additions include 4 new Dublin newspapers as well as 3 from Munster, 2 from Connaught and 1 from Ulster.

The Irish Newspaper Collection now stands at over 5.3 million articles and 60 different titles. They cover 152 years (1749-1900) of history in the cities, towns and villages of Ireland.

### Ireland, Poverty Relief Loans 1821-1874

The Irish Reproductive Loan Fund was a micro credit scheme set up in 1824 to provide small loans to the 'industrious poor.' Local associations and committees administered the scheme, most often from a small town in a rural area, and county committees oversaw their work. The records of the local associations and county committees are in The National Archives at Kew, reference T91. The majority of the records cover the years 1824 to 1846 across ten counties in Munster and Connacht.

Over 700,000 records, Ireland, Poverty Relief Loans 1821-1874 span the period of the Irish Potato Famine and provides unique insight into the lives of those living in Ireland during one of the darkest periods in its history.

### Ancestry

Just a small selection from the rash of new records since the last newsletter

#### **New Zealand, Cemetery Records, 1800-2007**

Original data: New Zealand Cemetery Records. New Zealand Society of Genealogists Incorporated.

#### **Scotland and Northern Ireland, Death Index, 1989-2013**

Original data: British Death Indexes. Various sources. This index provides death details for people in Scotland and Northern Ireland, specifically their name, gender, date of birth or age at death, date of death, and residence place at death. The index also contains a small number of records for people in Jersey and Isle of Man

#### **England and Wales, Death Index, 2007-2013**

This index provides death details for people in England and Wales, specifically their name, gender, date of birth or age at death, date of death, and residence place at death.

#### **South Africa, Methodist Parish Registers, 1822-1996**

Original data: *South Africa, Methodist Parish Registers, 1822-1996*. Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013.

#### **UK, Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects, 1901-1929**

This database contains records detailing the money owed to soldiers of the British Army who died in service from

1901 to 1929. A small percentage of soldiers who were discharged as 'insane' are also listed here. Records typically include the name of the soldier, his next of kin and their relationship, the date of death and sometimes the place, plus other details.

#### **South Africa, City and Area Directories, 1813-1962**

Various sources. In this collection, you'll find a variety details extracted from South African directories for locations from Cape Town to Pretoria. They include residential and business directories, telephone books, local almanacs, and court calendars. Extracted details include names, professions, addresses, dates, and other pieces of information.

#### **Gelderland Province, Netherlands, Civil Registration, 1811-1950 (In Dutch)**

Original data: *Netherlands, Gelderland Province Civil Registration, 1811-1950 (includes index)*. Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013.

#### **Web: Perth, Scotland, Burgh Burial Index, 1794-1855**

Original data: *Perth burgh burial registers, 1794-1855*. Perth and Kinross Council. <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/3887/Perth-burgh-burial-registers-1794-1855>

### From ScotlandsPeople

Now available to view are images for Scottish statutory births in 1914, marriages in 1939 and deaths in 1964. These digital images of the official records are released under the legislation that allows the publication of birth, marriage and death (BMD) records that were registered in Scotland more than 100, 75 and 50 years ago.

Note this is for the images, indexes are already available up to 2013.

### Western Australia

Those of you with interests in Western Australia may find this site of interest - The State Library of Western Australia's Outback Family History (<http://www.outbackfamilyhistory.com.au/>)

### PapersPast (December 2014):

[Bruce Herald \(1906-1920\)](#)

[Bush Advocate \(1910-1912\)](#)

[Hot Lakes Chronicle \(1895-1897\)](#)

[Inangahua Times \(1907-1919\)](#)

[Wairarapa Age \(1906-1920\)](#)

### Family Search

New App gallery allows patrons to browse, find, and learn about applications developed by partners of FamilySearch (allows patrons to browse, find, and learn about applications developed by partners of FamilySearch <https://familysearch.org/apps/>) - eg to analyse your Family Search tree, map it, chart it, view it)

Have you found an interesting resource worth sharing? Why not log in to our website and add a comment with a link under the appropriate country in the Resources > Links pages? (<http://www.kapitigen.org/resources/links/>)

## 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

**All Kapiti events are also all in the [programme](#) information on our website, both in a downloadable document and on the calendar.**

**Jan 27th: Tuesday 7pm (KCC)** Monthly meeting Here is the news - bring your newspaper "finds" (see pg 3)

**Feb 25th: Tuesday 7pm (KCC)** Monthly meeting NZSG benefits - Gill Knox Councillor for our region.

**Mar 7th: Saturday 10:30am to 3pm (APFHC) bookings essential see page 4**

**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, and worldwide FindMyPast. Public and members welcome.

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

**Sun Feb 8th: DNA group 2 - 4pm (Lorna's)**, ph 203 7771

**Thur. Feb 12th: Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon**

**Sat. Feb 28th: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group (KCC)**

#### You may also be interested in:

**Third Tues February** 17th 12:noon – 1.00pm Monthly National Library Lunch Time talk . Book your spot by emailing [atloutreach "at" dia.govt.nz](mailto:atloutreach@dia.govt.nz) or calling Cellia Joe on 04 462 3935 - might pay to check they've restarted by searching their Upcoming Events calendar nearer the time

## Interest Groups

### Australian

Second Thursdays - next session Thursday 12th Feb for help with any Australian research.

### Legacy

Next session Saturday 28th Feb - topic in next newsletter (will be on our website when announced)

### DNA

Restarts February Sunday 8th 2-4pm (phone Lorna 293 7771 - always happy to help you pick the right test, and person to test for you to add genetic genealogy to

help solve your genealogy mystery/ies)..

Any questions, plus useful tools/website to help make sense of your matches - DNAGedCom.com, GenomeMate, dnamatch4iPad, Gedmatch.com, chrome extensions 529andyou....

As some cannot attend on Sundays, we'll alternate Sundays and Saturdays this year - 2nd one of the month.

As always, check out our website for further details - Programme> Special Interest Groups.

## Round Robins

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

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

A feature in the June 2014 Who Do You Think You Are? - a review/list of mobile apps for family history so you can take your family with you - with varying features and usability, not to mention varying availability across platforms. Some are fully two way updates, some read only, some available for both android and IOS, some one or the other, but all in all, if you want to take your family with you, there will be a way. (If anyone wants to see how any of the following look/feel, ask me after a meeting sometime: iPad: RootsMagic, Ancestry, MyHeritage, MobileFamilyTree (for MacFamilyTree); android smartphone: GedStar. Got your own favourite? Write a review

## From the Committee

### **This month's meeting:** **Tuesday 27 January 2015**

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start.

### **Supper roster: F-J**

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

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

### **Welcome**

We welcome new members Ian BROOKING, Bill GARDNER

### **School records transcription project**

If you are willing to take part in this project please contact the coordinator, John Glover ([pamandjohn "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:pamandjohn@paradise.net.nz))

### **30 year history**

To include your stories in the 30 Year History of Kapiti Genealogy that Clive is compiling on our behalf, please contact Clive on 04 293 7631 or drop us a message through the Secretary ([Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:Secretary@KapitiGen.org)).

If you are prepared to write a story he would be delighted!

Late breaking news and events that we find out about between newsletters are added to [our website](#) and remember that by logging into the website you may post events of relevance and interesting links yourself - and update your own contact details.

### **New committee members**

As mentioned in the Convenor's Comment, several committee members are stepping down this year, so before the April, AGM we would very much appreciate an indication of interest from those able to take their places.

Never been on a committee before? Don't be scared, we don't bite! We even have quite a lot of fun at committee meetings - and choccie biscuits :)

### **Research day**

See APFHC news on page 4 for details of our March 7th research day.

### **Subscriptions**

Yes, it's getting near that time of year again. See back page for renewal of subscriptions.

## November meeting report

### **Speaker: Michael Gaffaney: Lessons from Ireland - an account of a visit to Ireland to undertake family research and insights from the Back to Our Past conference in Dublin.**

Michael did a brief outline of his Gaffaney (Gaffney) family history. Then he gave a report on the programme and lectures of the Back to our Past Conference in Dublin Ireland. He stressed that although many historic records were destroyed in the fire of the Public Records Office in 1922, there are still lots of records available. Some of the records destroyed were: many Parish registers, wills, commissions of enquiries, and some census records. However Michael gave a list of some Strange and Unusual Sources, including (not an exhaustive list): Irish reproduction loan scheme, Register of Trees, Freedom of slaves – Sligo, gamers certificates, voter lists, register of illiterates, whiskey makers tax list, 1796 spinning wheels list (over 2,000 names), hearth tax records, trade directories and Griffiths Valuations.

Michael touched briefly on Genetic Genealogy and gave some rather interesting facts that have come out of this field of research; 1 in 4 Irish carry the hemochromatosis gene, 1 in 23 cystic fibrosis gene and the Irish are the most tolerant to milk!

If you have any questions Michael is happy to be contacted via email michael 'at' gaffaney.com. He also recommended the blog his daughter Margaret Gaffaney for more ideas and information. <http://blog.iwikiwi.com>

Michael's talk was followed by our end of year supper.

### **Sat Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Lunch at Kapiti Club.**

Thank you Hilary for organising the lunch for members.

There was very positive feedback so there will be a mid-winter lunch on Sat June 25<sup>th</sup> -

Put the date in your diary now.

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

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

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,  
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

**Branch fundraisers:****Bag, sweat shirt, t-shirt**

Available from our store

<https://KapGen.printmighty.co.nz>

**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 they may be dropped off to Pat in Raumati, 39 Lorna Irene Drive. If they won't fit in the letterbox just leave them at the front door.

Pat Keppell Ph (04) 299 1100

**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".

**Research Assistance**

Members needing assistance with their research, are welcome at the weekly Wednesday morning sessions at the APFHC at the Paraparaumu Library. Alternately, 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.

**Branch Committee**

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Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - in the Who Does What section of 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

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

## Subscriptions

Our membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March. Although your cream 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.

New members between now and 31 March are automatically joined up for the 2015/16 year

Payment may be made by:

- cash or cheque (made out to Kapiti Genealogy) and handed to a committee member at any meeting, or posted to the Membership Secretary, P O Box 703, Paraparaumu, 5254
- or by internet banking  
Westpac 03 0732 0263025 00  
Please remember to include your surname and

membership number in the payee and reference fields 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 and delivery of your new card.

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

**Next Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday Feb 25th NZSG  
Benefits - Gill Knox**