

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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Kia ora everyone!

Further to my report of last month, I am pleased to say that our library bookshelves have arrived. We had a successful hastily-organised Thursday night working bee, with Ian Brooking, Dianne Sleeman, Frances Braddick and myself moving all of the books from the upstairs cupboards to the new shelving unit located downstairs.

As it turns out, we have sufficient space to accommodate pretty much our entire book collection, which is great news for us. Please take a look at what is available to borrow next time you are at the library.

This is the final reminder for donations for the Christmas Hamper raffle. Thank you to those who have already contributed, your donations are very much appreciated. If you are thinking of making a contribution remember that it doesn't have to be anything expensive, because if everyone just contributes one item, we would have more than enough to make up some really good prizes. Items can be brought along to the meeting, or please give them to a committee member. Let's see if we can make it a bumper raffle!

Have you caught up with the new series "DNA Detectives"? It is on TV One on Wednesday nights. If you missed the first episode you can still watch it on "TVNZ On Demand".

I admit to being one of those people who can't stop their eyes from glazing

over when I hear people talking about their DNA research. If you are like me, I think you will be pleasantly surprised at how well this programme covers the subject, while also making the research come alive as celebrity guests are jetted all over the world in search of DNA-linked relatives. It has certainly tweaked my interest and I may soon find myself joining in on one of those, for now, unfathomable conversations!

On November 10th the Committee will be meeting to organise next year's programme. If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics, please send or email them to a committee member before that date (contact details on page 8 of this newsletter). The more suggestions we have the better. It is your Society and your chance to be involved. We aim to please!

November 24th will be our final meeting for the year. It will be a fun, social evening and we will be providing complimentary wine and nibbles, so please put that date into your diary now.

Happy researching!

Hilary

This month's meeting is on
Tuesday October 27th
7-9 pm
'An Innocent Abroad'
by Mark Holland

and
'Brickwall busting'

October Branch Meeting

- When:** October 27th at 7-9pm
Where: Kapiti Community centre
What: **'An Innocent Abroad'**. Mark Holland's presentation is based in his 2015 visit to England and Scotland in search of his ancestors.
- How to:** **Brickwall workshop:** help by experienced researchers to peep at - or even climb - over those insurmountable blockages

Attention NZSG and other members. Please read the notes on NZSG rule changes on page 3. Clive Palmer will be available at this meeting to give a short presentation, and answer any questions.

Branch News

Wanted: A member willing to take on the role of publicity and marketing. Committee membership not a pre-requisite.
If you are interested , please consider offering your services to the Society.
Contact any Committee member today!

November 24th.

This is the final meeting of the year, and a time to celebrate. The theme is 'How it all began', so come prepared to sit around the tables and share the story of your journey into genealogy. Wine, juice and nibbles will be supplied to help the conversation along, and musical tables will promote mixing! In addition, we will be having a 'Who Do You Think This Is?' competition. Just email in a copy of a photo of yourself, taken long enough ago to make recognition a challenge. All photos will be on display on the night, along with a list of names. Who can name the most??

Simply scan your photo and email it to programme@KapitiGen.org If you don't have the technology available, contact a committee member and they will be able to sort it for you.

NB. This is your last chance to win a raffle as we'll be drawing for the Christmas hamper and other prizes.



School Records Transcribing Project

This project has been running since January and has been an amazingly successful project so far. Here's a summary of the various schools our team of volunteers has worked with:

Paekakariki School: 1849 records have been transcribed and checked. Following the checking, there are still some corrections left for me to enter, before the data is passed to NZSG.

Raumati Beach School: 5125 records have been transcribed. I'm preparing the data printouts and these will soon be in the hands of our checkers.

Waikanae School: Data from 1896 to 2006 either transcribed or in volunteers' hands. Just eight more years' data to go.

The volunteers involved in the project - which include members of the Waikanae Family History Group - should feel very proud of their achievement. I'm now considering which school to transcribe next.

John Glover

NZSG revised rules

The Rules of our national body NZSG, have been extensively reviewed and submitted to members for comment. NZSG members of the Branch should log onto the Society's website, where the revised Rules will be found together with an extensive Q&A section covering the reasons for the changes proposed.

The current Rules do not reflect modern practise in similar organisations and are no longer fit for purpose. At national level, NZSG is a significant not-for-profit business enterprise and the Rules need to reflect this in a genealogy world that is increasingly competitive. The recently released Strategic Plan of the Society (also on the website) will guide the organisation's direction over the next few years and the Rules also need to reflect this. The revisions provide for inter alia, a more business oriented environment, a template for improved governance and management of the Society, modern financial stewardship, and the introduction of several new classes of membership.

For Branches there are also substantial changes proposed. While some clauses in the current Rules are bound by the Incorporated Society Act and must remain, the revisions have addressed a major anomaly: that is the large number of non-NZSG members on Branch rolls. As has repeatedly been pointed out by legal advisers, this is not acceptable practise and could be challenged. Council has listened to many representations from Branches and is of the view that some compromises are necessary to maintain a vibrant society which caters for members with a wide variety of interests and experience. Indeed some branches may disestablish if some changes to current structures are not made.

A new level of "Local Membership" is therefore proposed. This will cater for entry level to full NZSG membership and also cover those whose family research no longer requires a full membership status but the collegiality of belonging to a local group is a major factor. Many branches are finding it increasingly difficult to fill the current requirement of five full NZSG members on their committee. The proposals include some adjustments to the membership requirements of your elected Committee. In addition an "Affiliate Membership" category has been included to cover the eventuality of branches who want to become independent entities but remain in a relationship with the national body.

Current NZSG members, **please take time out** to read through the information posted on the NZSG website. Only written comments and submissions will be considered by Council and its Rules Review Committee and details of how these can be made are included in the aforementioned information package. These close on Friday 4 December. It is planned for the final revised set of Rules to go out to members for postal ballot in early 2016, with results announced at the 2016 AGM in Tauranga.

Clive Palmer, NZSG Rules Review Working Group

How to - Grave Digging

There are myriad sites these days where you can find headstone images and/or transcriptions, leave messages, add biographies, request photos. We merely touched the tip of the iceberg at our last meeting.



For all the features of such sites, don't forget that many duplicate the already excellent features of:

- Council run cemetery databases, often with burial details, and headstone photos
- The NZSG Cemetery fiche collection, now online via Ancestry, but also on fiche at the APFHC.

Both of these, at least for New Zealand, are likely to be far more complete and as near to primary sources as you'll get without buying certificates, some of which latter you may be lucky enough to find in the NZSG Certificates Collection.

The sites explored briefly last meeting were:

FindAGrave (<http://FindAGrave.com> also available within Ancestry and FamilySearch record searches) & BillionGraves (<http://BillionGraves.com> - also available within FindMyPast and FamilySearch record searches) Gravestone Photographic Resource (<http://www.gravestonephotos.com>) DeceasedOnline (<https://www.deceasedonline.com/>)

The Australian site I couldn't remember has been kindly provided by Deborah - Australian Cemeteries Index (<http://austcemindex.com/> and <http://australiancemeteries.com/>)

I also completely forgot to mention the National Burial Index for England and Wales - which we have at the APFHC on our menu, but is also available on FindMyPast.

Also don't forget how much can be found by a simple Google search, or in newspapers.

Lorna Henderson

APFHC News



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

Help Sessions

Bev is always glad to hear from anyone able to volunteer their services to help. Thanks to those of you who have offered to help. More volunteers are always welcome and appreciated by members needing assistance.

Relocation at the library

The APFHC has now been relocated on the ground floor of the Paraparaumu library.

The desk layout does not allow as much space for notes etc. so have your research well organised to make the most of your time.

The keys for the APFHC cupboard are now being held at the Welcome Desk, so please don't ask for them at the issues Desk. The Welcome Desk is more or less exactly where the old Information Desk used to be, but is somewhat smaller!

Our computers now have covers to try and protect them from external abuse. Please could you replace the cover when you have finished your research session and lock the keyboard in the cupboard.

Please remember that any matters relating to the Genealogy Society should be taken up with a committee member, **not** library staff.

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

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 the library Welcome 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.

Remember that if you cannot print, you can usually save your search results to a USB stick, supplies being 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 an 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.



Scottish records to explore

From ScotlandsPeople (<http://ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk>)

The great, the good and the humble of Victorian Scotland have been digitally captured in the latest release of Valuation Rolls on ScotlandsPeople .

Over one million indexed names and addresses from 1855 are now available to search for FREE* as an introductory offer. Fully searchable by name and address, the new records provide a detailed snapshot of Scotland in a time of industrial expansion and economic growth, and offer a fascinating window into the lives of Victorian Scots.

/*Index for Valuation Rolls 1855 free to search until 13 October 2015 and 1 credit per page of 25 results thereafter. Images can be viewed for 2 credits per record./

Frances' Devon Discovery—Baaaa!

“The Man with the Blue faced Leicester Sheep – Is he a Cousin?”

It was summer 2013 when I stayed at ‘Threshays’ B&B in Awliscombe, Devon, a converted two storey cob barn built several centuries ago. Liz and Paddy Gillingham are the owners and over the sixteen years I have stayed with them they have become good friends.

In early August each year the Honiton Show is held, a large A&P show like we have here in New Zealand. Because of my spinning hobby I usually look over the sheep on show. Liz and I walked up and down the rows of sheep and came across pens of the tallest sheep I have ever seen. I chatted away to the farmer and his wife for some time before noticing a sign displaying the name of the farm and its owners.

To my surprise I saw the owners were Braddicks!

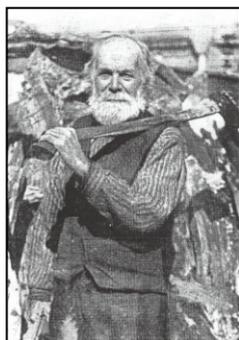


I had another look at the farmer and thought he looked rather like my great grandfather John Braddick whose photo of him aged 88 sits on my china cabinet. H.W. was happy for me to take a photo to take back home.

I returned to NZ with my precious photos of H.W. Braddick. When I compared the two photos I noticed that the shape of his head was very like that of my great grandfather John Braddick from Devon, who arrived in New Zealand by sailing ship in 1865.



H.W. Braddick 78y



John Braddick 88y

Where was the business card? I hunted but couldn't find it so I didn't write back to H.W. with my findings.

Fifteen months later, in November 2014, I was again in Devon staying with Liz and Paddy at Threshays B&B. Paddy works for a firm that provides stock requirements for the farming community. One afternoon Paddy came home and informed me that Mr Braddick had been in to buy stock food and that they had chatted about him meeting me at the Honiton Show the previous year.

I had another search for the lost card when I returned home to New Zealand, but still didn't find it, so I emailed Liz to ask if she could sort out Mr Braddick's address for me. She emailed back giving his name as Howard and his address, so I wrote a snail letter asking if we could meet when I was next in Somerset.

I arranged my travel for July this year, 2015, so I could have a stop-over in Taunton, Somerset, before travelling on to Devon. Up until I left New Zealand on 23 June I hadn't received a reply so had given up the idea of meeting him again.

Imagine my surprise when I opened my emails on arriving at my son's place in Denmark to find a message from Howard's daughter, Carole, who gave me with the best news possible - that her father "Harold" was looking forward to meeting me when I was in Somerset. Carole wrote that her great grandfather was George Braddick. He was born in Colyton near Sidmouth in Devon. As a young man he had travelled to Martock, Somerset, with a load of timber, had met his future wife there and stayed rather than returning to live in Devon. I immediately looked up my family tree and there was George, son of James and Joan Braddick with his descendants including Harold William Braddick.

Emails went back and forth to Carole and I arranged to catch a bus out from Taunton to Ilminster on the morning of 9th July. When I arrived Harold and his wife Hazel were there to meet me, having driven up from their farm. We spent the morning together, hitting it off like old friends. Harold brought photos to show me of his family and I showed him some of mine. When he saw my grandfather's photo he said he looked like one of his uncles and my father's photo reminded him of one of his cousins.

Harold had a keen sense of humour and the same kind of twinkle in his eye that my Uncle Kevin had. He definitely felt like a family member.

Harold, the farmer with the blue faced Leicester sheep, whom I first met in 2013 at the Honiton Show, turned out to be a cousin. He is yet another to add to the fifth cousins I seem to have met recently as my Braddick line grows.

Jan, Graham and Ian in Westward Ho! Devon; Jenni in Exeter, Devon; and Mike in Yorkshire, also share my 5x great grandparents, Joseph Braddick and Ruth Waters with me. Joseph and Ruth married in Luppitt, Devon, in 1755.

On my next trip to Devon I will be taking another Family Tree DNA kit to get Harold's sample. It will be checked against Graham's, Mike's and my first cousin Ricky's YDNA which already match. Then we should have further proof that Harold too, is part of our family.

And how did I meet up with Janet, Graham, Ian, Jennifer and Mike?

That is another story!

Frances Braddick

Dates for Your Diary

Kapiti Genealogy

Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre, Ground Floor, North West Corner 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.

October 27th: Tuesday 7pm (KCC) Monthly meeting . “An Innocent Abroad” Mark Holland’s 2015 research visit to the England and Scotland followed by a “Brickwall workshop”

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)

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

DNA interest group will be reconvening next year. Alternate months on a Sunday, 2-4pm at Lorna’s. For all those interested in DNA for genealogy.

Sat. October 31st: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group (KCC) and full day workshop on **Saturday November 28th** at the Senior Citizens Hall, Paraparaumu Beach. (See below for contact. Programme in preparation.)

You might also be interested in:

Tuesday 17th November: National Library talk by Emerson Vandy. See page 7 for details..

Tuesday November 10th. Meeting to focus on next years programme. Please do send your ideas to one of the Committee or email Secretary “at” KapitiGen.org with Programme in the subject line.

Interest Groups

Australian

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

DNA

Informal (free) group for anyone interested in adding DNA testing to the genealogy toolkit.

Our last meeting for the year covered in depth how to download your DNA match lists from FamilyTreeDNA and start marking up the groups of matches sharing a common ancestor. This is the starting point for Triangulation - see Benefits of Triangulation for more details <http://segmentology.org/2015/05/09/benefits-of-triangulation/> and this article on Chromosome mapping http://isogg.org/wiki/Chromosome_mapping.

Every time I go to print an update of my chromosome

map I get sidetracked back onto what I can find to fill in the gaps, which are, after all likely to be the brickwalls I got into this for in the first place! Lorna

Legacy Users

Next session **Saturday October 31st, 2-4pm.** At the Kapiti Community Centre.

Everyone is welcome to our meetings. Cost \$3, pay at the door. Tea and coffee available.

On November 28th there will be a day-long workshop for Legacy Users conducted by Jan Gow QSM, at the Senior Citizens hall, 45, Ocean Road, Paraparaumu Beach.

Contact Gerald Twiss Gero “at” ihug.co.nz for more details.

Apologies to Joyce Hitchlock, and her husband Malcom who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this September. They were, of course, married in 1955, not 1965 as stated in the last newsletter. Ed.

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday October 27th 2015

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start.

Supper roster: A - E

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're pleased to welcome Donna BRIDGEMAN and Sandy HOUSTON to the Society.

Please introduce yourselves to other members at the monthly meetings. We hope you'll enjoy our facilities and get great benefit from your membership, There is help available to help on your voyage of discovery.

Thanks to everyone who submitted a 'brickwall'

In response to the last newsletter. We will not be able to address them all at the October meeting but are planning another session early in 2016 to continue trying to knock them down!

How to?

The Committee would like to know what topics you would like covered in our meeting "How to" session. It is an opportunity to find out how to work round any little quirk in a programme you're using or how to make the most of the extensive facilities we have available. Nothing is too simple or odd. Please give us your ideas. It's your Society!

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))

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.

National Library Talks

The last monthly talk for this year is on **Tuesday 17th November, 10-1pm** when Emerson Vandy and Tracey Powell will give a talk entitled 'papers past updated'.

The National Library Family History Monthly talks are usually held in Tiakiwai on the Ground Floor unless the room is unavailable in which case alternative arrangements will be advised.

Publicity and marketing

You will see an advert on page 2 for some one who would be interested in taking on this role. You need not be on the Committee. It is not too onerous and involves mainly contacting newspapers with coming events and organising the distribution of flyers. If you can help, please contact a Committee member. **You are needed!**

Round Robins and newspapers on FMP

If you wish to subscribe to either 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](#).

Subs \$15 per year starting Jul/Aug) to either Family Tree magazine or Who Do You Think You Are. This is a really good way of keeping up with the latest news and having access to interesting articles without having to subscribe to the magazines. Do check out which magazines are available. They all have a wealth of ideas and information.

New From FindMyPast

British Newspapers

Over 3.5 million new articles and 22 new titles covering England, Scotland and Wales are now available to search in our [collection of historic British newspapers](#). Trace your military ancestors with the newly available 'Army and Navy Gazette' or uncover the history of 19th century Glasgow with a trio of new titles from Scotland second city – Glasgow Free Press, Glasgow Gazette and Glasgow Morning Journal. Substantial updates have also been made to 42 existing titles including 319,819 new articles for London Daily News, 245,831 for national newspaper The Daily Mirror and 238,501 for Leeds Mercury.

**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. 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.

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

Membership

If you would like to learn how to uncover your family history come and join us. We have great facilities and offer help to get you started. Great value at \$25

Please refer to the website (<http://www.kapitigen.org/2015/01/membership-renewals-2/>) for joining instructions.

We will be happy to welcome you,.

**Next Monthly Meeting
Tuesday November 24th at 7pm**

**'How it all began' plus photo ID
competition and refreshments.**

**Last meeting of the year.
Don't miss out!**