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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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Kia ora everyone

In the short time that I have been on the committee, I have been fortunate to work alongside some wonderful people who have made significant contributions to our Branch. One of those people is Bill McKeich.

Sadly for us, Bill has stepped down from the Committee. We will miss his input at the meetings, but understand that he wishes to develop other interests. He will continue to be involved with the Branch, and in the Schools Register Project and no doubt can be called upon to help us out now and again. Thank you so much Bill. You will always be welcomed back!

Our librarian Bev Chappell and I recently had a very successful meeting with the library manager regarding the on-going changes to the Alison Proctor Family History Centre. We will soon be getting our new shelving for our books, and when it arrives we will proceed with moving them downstairs. We hope that you will be able to become much more familiar with the books available to borrow.

Part of our future plan is to feature some of our books in a regular "Book Corner" item in our newsletter. If you have borrowed one of our books, and feel inspired to write a brief review of it for other members, we would love to hear from you!

I would like to remind members that everyone who helps to run our Branch is a volunteer, and as such,

they are all doing their best. Please be kind to them! They are the most valuable asset we have and they deserve to be treated with respect. We may not always get it right, but at least we are willing to try. If you think you can be of help, then please let me know. Your participation, no matter how big or small, will always be welcome.

We are very fortunate, in that Frances Braddick has agreed to come back onto the committee. She quietly admits to missing us – but then it could just be the chocolate biscuits! Either way, it will be lovely to have her back.

As you may recall, at our final meeting for 2014, we were able to put together three Christmas Hampers, from donated goods, for our raffle prizes. Although many of us probably don't even want to think about Christmas, we actually only have two meetings before November! Could you please bring your non-perishable items to the September and October meetings, or give them to any committee member. All contributions gratefully accepted. Thank you so much!

Hilary Cunningham

**This month's meeting is on
Tuesday September 22nd
7-9 pm**

**"Grandfather's secrets
unearthed"
Kathy Callaghan**

**How to: Grave digging
by Lorna**

September Branch Meeting

When: September 22nd at 7-9pm

Where: Kapiti Community centre

What: "Grandfather's secrets unearthed"

110 years after Kathy Callaghan's Norwegian grandfather arrived in New Zealand, with a deep secret, his Norwegian family come to NZ and make a video of his life. See another way to present your family history.

How to: **Grave digging!**

by Lorna. How deep are your relatives buried?

Branch News

Guided Tour of National Library New Zealand Tuesday 1st September 2015

A group of nine went on the National Library Tour on Sept 1st. The tour was led by Margaret Hurst and proved once again to be very informative. The staff at the library are willing and able to help you if you need any help.

There are actually two libraries within the same building - National Library of NZ and the Alexander Turnbull Library. Free Wi Fi is available throughout the building. There are always interesting exhibitions or displays highlighting parts of the collections held within the library. Currently there is an exhibition on Cuba Street and another on children's books. The library is accepting donations of children's books and comics, especially those published prior to 1930. Contact the Dorothy Neal White librarian for further information.

There is a large collection of ephemeral material (transitory written or printed matter not meant to be retained or preserved), such as posters and programmes. Donations of this type of material is appreciated also. Not all newspapers are on Papers Past. There are hard copies of newspapers for those not on microfilm.

Other collections include maps, manuscripts, drawings, prints, cartoons and oral history, and Whites Aviation photographs 1920 – 1988, (you can view from the air places you or your ancestors lived).

All electoral rolls are available (not all are on ancestry.com). From 1981 a Habitation Index was compiled, where you can view the rolls street by street – a very useful tool for family historians.

The National Library website <http://natlib.govt.nz> is a treasure trove of information. It is worth reading the Family History Research Guide. Every tour of the National Library is different and it is a good way of keep abreast with the forever increasing collections and information available to you for your research.

Kathy Callaghan

Congratulations!

Long-time member of Kapiti Genealogy Society, Joyce Hitchlock, and her husband Malcom celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this September.

They met at a friend's wedding in Liverpool and married in 1955 before emigrating to New Zealand in 1967, travelling on the last voyage of the ship Rangitane.

They settled in Waikanae and have lived on the same half acre section ever since.

We all wish you many more happy years together, Joyce and Malcom.



Chunuck Bair Commemoration at Otaki

The YURU Team of Sue Greene and Clive Palmer were part of the KCDC sponsored steam train excursion from Paekakariki to Otaki on Saturday 22 August. Exhibitions at Otaki Railway Station included the "Soldiers' Tales from the Trenches" branch WWI commemorative expose presented at Paraparaumu library last year, including the display boards of major battles in WWI and the power point presentation of eight local soldiers who died during the war. The 300 people on the train and several hundred who came through the station to see the train and exhibits, was fertile ground for promoting the branch and national society.



Sue Greene resident in period dress



Army band entertains

How to notes

Are there any inventors on your family tree?

Inventors who are worth their salt (or want to profit from their inventions) usually take out a patent on their ideas. The modern patent system has been around since the early 18th Century, and more of these patents are becoming discoverable online. Each country has its own patent system, and as there is no "international" system, inventors have to choose in which country/countries they want to register their patent.

Fortunately, some of the search providers cover a large number of countries in their databases. One of the most useful is the European Patent Office's "ESPACENET":

http://worldwide.espacenet.com/advancedSearch?locale=en_EP

This link will take you to the Advanced Search page, and the only search box that you really need to fill in is the one labelled "Inventor(s)". If you do want to restrict the search to a particular country, you can add the country code in the "Publication Number" box (e.g GB, US, NZ, AU, CA – use the Help system to find codes for other countries). The Espacenet database claims to include British patents from 1782, so dive in and see what turns up.

As usual, Google has also got in on the patent discovery game, and you can access their version at:

Google Patents http://www.google.co.nz/advanced_patent_search

Again, just fill in the "Inventor" box and start searching.

If you are searching New Zealand patents, they are best searched from the IPONZ website, as the coverage goes back to 1861 (except for a hole between 1880-1890): <http://www.iponz.govt.nz/cms/patents>

Look for the box saying "Search for patents" and click the "Search Now" button. Once on the search page, expand the "Client/Interest Search" section and fill in the "Inventor Name". Patents older than 50 years are physically lodged with Archives New Zealand, and more recent patents usually have a link to the PDF with the record.

For US patents only, go to the US Patent Office <http://patft.uspto.gov/netahtml/PTO/search-bool.html> - covering 1790 to the present. Use the drop-down for Field 1 to scroll down and select "Inventor Name".

All sorts of "ideas" get patented, so don't be surprised by what you may find!

Ian Brooking

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.



1960 Class Reunion

Please note this important event to be held in Wellington during **Labour Weekend, 23-26 October 2015**. A celebration of 165 years of Catholic Education, the event will bring together Sacred Heart Cathedral parish and School, together with St. Mary's College and those connected to the former Marish Brothers School for a combined Jubilee.

Within these celebrations there is to be a **CLASS of 1960 REUNION** for former pupils who attended Sacred Heart Convent School, Guildford Terrace.

Former pupils of this Parish are scattered throughout New Zealand and elsewhere, so if you are one, please contact Geraldene o'Reilly on Irish.genealogy@xtra.co.nz for more details.

Resources to explore

Scotland's People

A complete record of the deaths of Scottish seafarers from late Victorian times until 1974 are now available to search on ScotlandsPeople.

The 14,000 new records list the Deaths of Seamen, including crew members of all nationalities who were serving on British-registered vessels between 1909 and 1974. Amongst the new entries are William M Murdoch, the Dalbeattie-born First Officer who died on the fateful maiden voyage RMS Titanic in 1912, and John Thompson, a seaman from Annan, who perished aged just 15 on the Lusitania, torpedoed by the Germans in 1915.

Within the new records are the Returns of Deaths at Sea for the years 1902-1905: Scottish seamen and passengers reported to the Registrar General for Scotland as having died at sea

Findmypast

FREE this weekend from 9pm on Friday, September 18th until 9pm Monday September 21st (AEST).

Newspaper collection additions

The entire archive now stands at incredible 135 million searchable newspaper articles in over 400 different titles, covering 245 years of British history (1710-1955).

Here are the latest titles and the years they cover as of 16 September 2015:

Bell's New Weekly Messenger, 1832-34, 1836-46, 1848-51, 1853-55

Birmingham Mail, 1871, 1914-18

Bucks Gazette, 1829-49

Canterbury Journal, Kentish Times and Farmers' Gazette, 1858, 1861-68, 1870-72

East Kent Times, 1859, 1862-64

Falmouth Express and Colonial Journal, 1838-40

Faversham Times and Mercury and North-East Kent Journal, 1939

Glasgow Citizen, 1844-45

Glasgow Evening Citizen, 1870

Glasgow Saturday Post, and Paisley and Renfrewshire Reformer, 1861, 1864

Gravesend Reporter, North Kent and South Essex Advertiser, 1862-64

Hull Advertiser and Exchange Gazette, 1795-1800, 1802, 1805-14, 1821-22, 1824-25, 1829-38, 1840-1849, 1852, 1854-59, 1861, 1864-67

Ilkeston Pioneer, 1866

Isle Of Wight Mercury, 1857-58

Kelso Chronicle, 1844-47, 1849-66, 1868-71

Kentish Weekly Post or Canterbury Journal, 1812, 1814-

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Leigh Chronicle and Weekly District Advertiser, 1856, 1860, 1862, 1864-65

Nairnshire Telegraph and General Advertiser For The Northern Counties, 1853-69

Portobello Advertiser, 1895

Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 1855-57, 1864-65, 1868-1904, 1910-11, 1939, 1950

Sherborne Journal, 1760, 1774, 1782, 1787-88

Silurian, Cardiff, Merthyr, and Brecon Mercury, and South Wales General Advertiser, 1838-39, 1850-55

The Dorchester and Sherborne Journal, and Western Advertiser, 1791-1797

Wetherby News, and Central Yorkshire Journal, 1877, 1879

To celebrate the start of the new school year, the week's [Findmypast Friday](#) marks the release of nearly 2.9 million School Admission Register records from England, Wales, Ireland and Australia. These fascinating new records can allow you a glimpse into your ancestors' early life, pinpoint the area they grew up in, reveal if they had a perfect attendance or occasionally played truant and can even determine whether they worked in a school as an adult.

National School Admission Registers 1870-1914

New records from 25 archives and over 3,600 schools from across England have been added to the National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914 collection. The collection was originally launched in September 2014 and now a further 2.7 million records are available to search. This project was facilitated by the ARA and The National Archives under the National Digitisation Consortium banner and brings together over 100 archives and schools in the largest collaborative digitisation project that there has ever been. A third and final release of school records will take place in September 2015.

From NZSG:

NZSG Kiwi Collections V2

This product has changed its name to "NZSG Kiwi Collection". The name change was made to reflect that this product is more than just an "Index", but is basically the same product as "NZSG Kiwi Index", upgraded with lots more data. A new feature in NZSG Kiwi Collection Version 2 allows easy identification of new or corrected entries that were not on NZSG Kiwi Index Version 1.

Members upgrading from Kiwi Index V1 will need to use the order form ([download from the NZSG website once logged in - at Shop > Members Only Shop.](#))

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.

September 22nd: Tuesday 7pm (KCC) Monthly meeting 'Grandfather's secrets unearthed.' Kathy Callaghan
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. October 8th: Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon

Sunday October 11th: DNA interest group 2-4pm at Lorna's. For all those interested in DNA for genealogy.

Sat. October 31st: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group (KCC)

You might also be interested in:

Tuesday 20th October: National Library talk + Conservation workshop. See page 7 for details..

Thursday 24th September from 9.30am to approx 2pm - a series of sessions on FamNet at the Waikanae Chartered Club, hosted by the Waikanae Family History Group.

Morning tea on arrival. \$10 lunch in the restaurant at 12 noon.

Robert Barnes will be there to do the presentations, designed to help FamNet members to become more proficient at using the databases. Contact Hanley Hoffmann on [hdhoffmann "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:hdhoffmann@paradise.net.nz) for more information and/or to give him an indication of numbers attending.

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursdays - next session **Thursday October 8th** for help with any Australian research.

DNA

Two monthly, 2nd Sat or Sun of month, (alternates between Sat and Sun) - next session **Sunday October 11th** 2-4pm (phone Lorna 293 7771 for directions)
 Informal (free) group for anyone interested in adding dna testing to the genealogy toolkit.
 You never know what, or who, you'll find or learn, and have the added bonus of potentially validating uncertain or missing paper trails.

Last month we explored the visual presentation of your FamilyFinder results available via the Autosomal DNA Segment Analyzer tool on DNAGedCom.com.

Legacy Users

Next session **Saturday October 31st, 2-4pm**.
 Everyone is welcome to our meetings. Cost \$3, pay at the door. Tea and coffee available.

Advanced notice: There will be a day-long workshop on November 28th for Legacy Users.

Blip on FamilySearch

If you regularly search records on FamilySearch starting from the Person view in their Family Tree, you may have noticed that the Search Records link to FamilySearch has disappeared.

Turns out to be a conflict with AdBlockPlus that the FamilySearch engineers are working on with AdBlockPlus.

To cure this open AdBlockPlus and add FamilySearch.org to your whitelisted domains and refresh your browser.

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday September 22nd 2015

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start.

Supper roster: U - Z

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

It's a pleasure to see five new members this month: Gwyn SKINNER, Patricia LEAVESLEY, Ken LYNCH, who has joined his wife Elizabeth as a member; and we welcome back the Rev, Hector DAVIS. Please introduce yourselves to other members at the monthly meetings. We hope you'll get great benefit from your membership and enjoy our facilities. There is help available to help on your voyage of discovery.

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 next month's talk is on **Tuesday 20th October, 10-1pm** when Gillian Headifen will give a talk entitled 'The Marquette'

A **Conservation clinic** follows the October talk to help you look after those precious old documents will follow the October talk.

National Preservation Office Field Conservator, Vikki-Anne Heikell, will give hints on how to preserve your family photos. etc. The clinic runs from 1.00-1.30 and as numbers are limited you are advised to book - preservation@dia.govt.nz.

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Round Robins

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 FamilyTree 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.

It is always worth while going back over past copies of these magazines. Recently looking through a Family Tree from 2010, I found an invaluable resource for anyone researching relative who were in the medical profession in England.

The Royal College of Surgeons library holds records from 1800. It welcomes genealogists - see the research guide at www.rcseng.ac.uk/library/services/familysearch.html

It has available copies of 18th and 19th century journals. historical medical books, directories and membership lists, manuscripts form 16th to 20th centuries such as lecture notes and professional diaries and obituaries.

Online catalogues include: <http://surgicat.rcseng.ac.uk>, and www.rcseng.ac.uk/library/catalogue.html

**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.

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. 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 October 27th at 7pm

Brick Wall workshop