

## Convenor's Comment

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

Hello everyone!

I hope that you have been enjoying this amazing weather and perhaps even been out 'swimming with the sharks'. Mmmmm, doesn't quite seem to have the same appeal as 'swimming with dolphins' does it!

My present genealogy project is not about going back in time but tracing the living relatives of the descendants of my mother-in-law's family the DESMONDs.

John and Ellen DESMOND arrived in NZ in 1846 so this year is the 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary. John was a career soldier with the British Army and came to NZ with the 65<sup>th</sup> Yorkshire Regiment of Foot, arriving with his wife and a son who had been born on board ship on the way over from England. That was all the information we had at the time that I started my research.

Using publications like "Papers Past", and making weekly visits to the National Archives in Wellington, I was able to build an impressive wealth of information about the family during those early settlor years. I learned that they had 7 children in total, all sons, with each of these sons settling in different parts of NZ.

So, one day, I had a bright idea. Why not organise a gathering of the descendants of John and Ellen? Only 5 of the sons had married and produced offspring, so it was these branches that I began tracing. Naturally, the

research of many years past is relatively easy to find, but when I started getting into more recent times, it became more difficult with privacy issues came into play.

I got stuck for quite a while until I came up with the idea of using social media to help me. I turned to the most obvious one, and started a facebook page for John. I suspect he might be the oldest active facebook user ever, at 203 years old, but the results have been amazing. I have been able to find the young generation, and it is they who have put me in touch with their cousins, parents, and in some cases grandparents.

So perhaps next time your research gets bogged down, think about how moving forward in time might help you move back in time.

See you at the meeting!

Hilary

**This month's meeting is on  
Tuesday February 23rd  
7-9 pm**

**Digital NZ  
Thomasin Sleight**

**How to: by Ian Brooking  
The WayBack machine**

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## February Branch Meeting

- When:** February 23rd at 7-9pm  
**Where:** Kapiti Community centre  
**What:** DigitalNZ for family historians by Thomasin Sleigh  
 At this talk, Thomasin Sleigh, Community Manager for DigitalNZ, will introduce DigitalNZ, a free search and data service offered by the National Library which brings together the digital collections of organisations across New Zealand and internationally, and makes them searchable via one easy portal.  
 Thomasin will give a taster of the different collections available on <http://www.digitalnz.org>, with a focus on materials of interest to family historians. She will also give a live demonstration of tips and tricks for refining your searches, and show how genealogists are using 'sets' to collect, curate, and share material.
- How to:** The Internet Archive's WayBack Machine - Ian Brooking  
 Have you ever clicked on a link in an old document and got the "Page not found" message instead? Then the WayBack Machine may be just the thing you need to uncover that missing page!

## Branch News

### Two sessions you won't want to miss!!

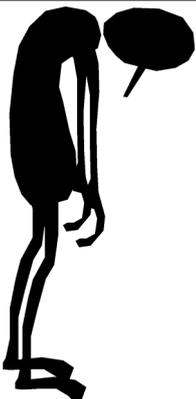
The first **Overview session** of 2016 will be held at the APFHC, Thursday 17 March, 5.30-7.00 pm with a focus on what resources are held at the Alison Proctor Family History Centre in the Paraparaumu Library. All welcome.

**Workshop to Explore** using RootsMagic to record your family research be held at the Kapiti Community Centre on Saturday March 19th, 2-4pm. Open to all - \$3 to cover expenses. This may develop into regular sessions if the demand exists.

Feel free to request specific topics be covered by emailing [RootsMagic "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:RootsMagic@KapitiGen.org)

**Brick walls.** We are still accepting requests for help with brick walls and also asking for volunteers to practice their researching skills by offering to help climb over some of the higher ones!! You'll learn heaps in the process.

**Speakers for 2016.** Ian has done a great job so far in arranging an interesting and varied programme for 2016, but he still has a couple of gaps to fill. If you have a story to tell or a topic to talk on for about 40 minutes, please contact Ian at [Programme "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:Programme@KapitiGen.org) He would love to hear from you. This is your chance to display your research and get comments back.



The Committee has been deafened by the silence of offers to assist with publicity and marketing.  
 This is one last plea!  
 Is there anybody out there who would be willing to help with the essential but not arduous task of publicity?  
 Come on Kapiti!

## January meeting

The first meeting of the year was a full and varied one. Apart from the items of interest from past newspapers, Frances Braddick gave a very full account of the brick wall she had been working on and Lorna's "How to" on strategies for coping with forthcoming changes to Family Tree Maker (FTM) caused a lively discussion.

In essence, if you are happy using FTM and do not use it to synchronise with an ancestry tree, continue not to panic and simply keep using it, although you may be pleasantly surprised should you explore some of the alternate software packages.

If you do use FTM to synchronise with your ancestry tree, this may be more problematic, but since the meeting, further announcements (see below) have been made which give some hope that this will still be possible even if (when) Ancestry make yet more changes to their website.

### News: FamilyTreeMaker

In Ancestry's inimitable style, announcements re Family Tree Maker continue to arrive.

<http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2016/02/02/good-news-for-users-of-family-tree-maker/>

Outlines that [MacKiev](#), the developer of the Mac version of FTM is "acquiring the Family Tree Maker software line as publisher for both Windows and Mac versions".

"This new agreement means you will receive software updates and new versions from Software MacKiev, and have the ability to purchase new versions of Family Tree Maker from Software MacKiev as they are released. You will have continued access to Ancestry Hints, Ancestry searches, and be able to save your tree on Ancestry with Family Tree Maker moving forward."

It was also announced that RootsMagic and Ancestry have come to an agreement "to connect Ancestry with the RootsMagic software by the end of 2016. With this new relationship, RootsMagic can serve as your desktop family tree software, while having access to Ancestry hints, Ancestry searches, and the ability to save your tree on Ancestry."

## Explosion of Irish records!

Just recently several sources of Irish records have been released and digitised. The following information is taken from the Irish North Island newsletter .

### BMD records added to RootsIreland

[www.rootsireland.ie](http://www.rootsireland.ie) has added more than 51,000 birth, marriage and death records to its collections. The majority of these records relate to baptisms and marriages in Roman Catholic churches in Belfast from 1900 to 1930 that are not available online elsewhere. The website has also added more than 27,000 burial records from Milltown, the main Catholic cemetery in Belfast. These records include the name, age and address of the deceased and cover just the first volume of burial registers from 1869 when the cemetery opened, to 1895.

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In Findmypast-related news from RootsTech, the company announced the imminent release of 10 million Irish Catholic parish register records in March. The collection covers 1671-1900 and will feature more than 1,000 parishes. A total of 3,500 baptism and marriage registers has been transcribed from the National Library of Ireland, [www.nli.ie](http://www.nli.ie) . In what is being hailed as a major release for those tracing their Irish roots, this is the first time that the collection has been indexed with images available online.

This following information was in the Irish Interest Group section of the latest NZ Genealogist (February 2016) (Thank you Denice)

Limerick Cathedral registers 1826-1842. There is some 63 pages if transcript of baptisms, marriages and burials from the Church of Ireland Cathedral in Limerick for this period and held by the Irish Genealogical Research Society. The typed transcript is accredited to the late Rosemary ffollott, a Fellow of the Society and was completed about fifty years ago.

There was also a transcription of 321 marriages published in The Irish Genealogist Vol 14 #1 (2014) with a surname index for both grooms and brides included.

## 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.

### 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.

### Relocation at the library

The APFHC is located on the ground floor of the Paraparaumu library. Turn right inside the door. The keys for the APFHC cupboard are now being held at the Welcome Desk opposite the entrance.

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

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

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. If there isn't a cd image, just 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 found 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 and do not need the help of the volunteers, please consider coming at a time other than the 10 to 12 timeslot when use of the computers is at a premium.



## What if?

And now for something different.

Ever wanted to see your ancestors in 3D? Well possibly just a small fan chart: Check out <http://progenygenealogy.com/products/family-tree-charts/3d-printing.aspx>

Just think of the possibilities when the technology can recreate our ancestors from photographs!

## 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.**

**February 23rd: Tuesday 7pm (KCC)** Monthly meeting . Details on page 2.

**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.

**Thursday 17th March** 5.30-7pm at APFHC. Overview session - see page 2.

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

**Saturday February 27th:** NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group, 1-4pm at the Kapiti Community Centre (\$3).

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

**Saturday March 19th 2-4pm** at Kapiti Community Centre. Explore Roots Magic - see below and page 2 (\$3)

**Saturday April 9th.** DNA interest group , 2-4pm at Lorna's. For all those interested in DNA for genealogy.

Please note meetings held every other month (free).

**Please send details of anything else of interest to** Sheila Jolley [editor "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:editor@KapitiGen.org)

## Interest Groups

### Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December - next session **Thursday March 10th** for help with any Australian research. 10-12am at the APFHC.

### Legacy Users

Our meetings are the last Saturday of every second month from February to October. Everyone is welcome. Next meeting **February 27th**. Cost \$3, pay at the door. Tea and coffee available. Contact Gerald Twiss [Gero "at" ihug.co.nz](mailto:Gero@ihug.co.nz) for more details.

### RootsMagic

Workshop **Saturday March 19th** at the Kapiti Community Centre from **2 to 4pm** if you use, or are considering using RootsMagic software. Open to all - \$3 to cover expenses. This may develop into regular sessions if the demand exists. Feel free to request specific topics be covered prior to the session by emailing [RootsMagic "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:RootsMagic@KapitiGen.org)

### DNA

Informal (free) 2-monthly group for anyone interested in adding DNA testing to the genealogy toolkit. Our next meeting is Saturday **April 9th**, 2-4pm at Lorna's. (293 7771).

Why do I (Lorna) use DNA for my genealogy? A great example of this was received this week. For years I've been trying to find out what happened to my 2\* great grandfather's brother William, born 1805 Kincardine by Doune, Perthshire, not at all obvious in the 1855+ death indexes for Scotland, nor overseas anywhere. A previous researcher had claimed, for a different family, the most likely candidate from the 1841 and 1851 censuses, a smith at the Bridge of Allan where his father had been a smith. Reviewing information a few years ago convinced me that this smith just HAD to be "my" William, but how to prove it? No direct male line HENDERSONs for Y-DNA could be found, and until just before Christmas, other descendants weren't able to be convinced to try Autosomal DNA testing either. I had my fingers firmly crossed when I opened the newly-in results for my sole DNA representative from William's line. Given that he would be a 4th cousin to most of the others who had tested, there was only a 50% chance\* of a detectable DNA segment between any two people having survived the random process of atDNA inheritance down the generations - but with all the other HENDERSON descendants who have tested we'd increased the odds. It was very very satisfying to see so many matches to the kits already on file, many predicted at 2nd to 4th cousin relationships.

\* the odds are much higher (95+%) for closer relationships

## Holiday project - write a book!

For some time Nina O'Flynn has wanted to write her father's story and in the holiday break Nina and I have been busy putting the final touches to a book about her family.

I first heard of Nina's quest last year when the first one-on-one session was held at the library and I had the privilege of helping Nina find information about her O'Flynn family. Nina's father was Francis "Frank" Edward O'Flynn, who from humble beginnings on the West Coast, became a school teacher and ultimately ended up in Government.

In 1896 Frank O'Flynn's brother-in-law, Michael Brislane, was killed in the Brunner mine disaster, leaving behind a young wife (Frank's sister), and four children. The wellbeing of his sister and miners in general kindled a strong desire in Frank to fight for the 'underdog'. Frank became instrumental in the formation of the NZ Labour Party and this ultimately led to Frank being invited to join the Legislative Council in 1937.

The process of choosing and compiling relevant information to go into the book was a learning exercise for us both. Decisions made ultimately were based on 'who the book was written for'. There was never any intention of selling the book. It is primarily for the family and others interested in pioneer families on the West Coast.

We used a local printing firm, Precise Print and Design, and they were very helpful with both design and the practical decisions that needed to be made. It was very exciting for both Nina and I to hold, finally, a copy of the book.

An ISBN number was allocated and copies have been sent to the National Library, as required by NZ law. Nina's father's story, along with that of other family members, is now preserved and available for future generations. A copy of the book will be donated to the Kapiti Branch.

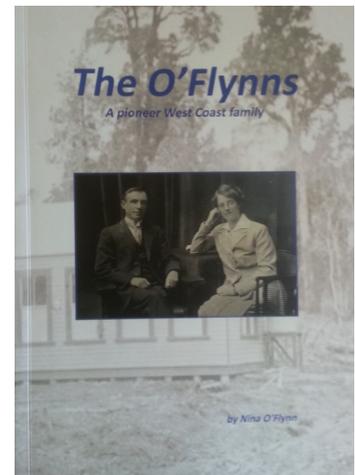


Kathy and Nina folding a copy of the final publication

For those who may not be able to access the physical book a simple website has been created by my husband Ross. Each chapter of the book is available by a simple click on a link:

<http://nzoflynn.yolasite.com>

**Kathy Callaghan**



## A reminiscence of aprons

I don't think our kids know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, because she only had a few and it was easier to wash aprons than dresses. An apron used less material, but along with that, served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven, for drying children's tears, and occasionally even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables and after the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When company came, those big old aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids and it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms and wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that replaces the 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

REMEMBER: Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool.

Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron, but I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron - but Love !!

**Lindsay Olsen**

## From the Committee

### This month's meeting:

**Tuesday February 23rd 2016**

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting starts.

### Supper roster: O - T

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

Welcome to Margaret JONES

We're always pleased to welcome new members to the Society. Please make yourselves known to other members at the monthly meetings. It's your opportunity to find out where you can get help with your story and enjoy sharing experiences. We hope you'll enjoy our facilities and get great benefit from your membership.

**Condolences** to the family of member John Nevin, one of our newer members, who died recently.

### 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.

### 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".

### Publicity and marketing

You will see an advert on page 3 for some one who would be interested in taking on this role for 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!**

### Please note:

Hilary has indicated that she will be stepping down as Convenor at the AGM in April. So please put on your thinking caps (or even raise a hand to volunteer) and come forward with suggestions for committee members and/or someone willing to take on the role of convenor.

## Round Robins /ScotlandsPeople

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.

**ScotlandsPeople** has released the next year's worth of historical BDM images: Births registered in 1915, marriages in 1940, and deaths in 1965. "The 1940 marriages are very significant because that year saw the introduction of civil marriages by registrars." 3 March will see the release of the 1930 Valuation Rolls.



### Branch meetings:

4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

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

### Branch Committee

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**Minute Secretary:** Frances Braddick

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### Ex-officio members

**Computer Liaison:** Frances Braddick

**Trip organiser:** Kathy Callaghan

**Webmasters:**

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

**Magazine Round Robins:**

Meryl Opie

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### Membership

Subscriptions are due end of March and remain at \$25. To spread the renewal load for the 2016/17 year, please be kind to the Treasurer and send your subs in ASAP. New members from now are considered to have paid for the 2016/17 year.

Please refer to the website (<http://www.kapitigen.org/2016/01/membership-renewals-201617/>) for payment instructions.

**Sound System:** Ian Brooking

**Equipment Support:**

Lindsay Olsen backup up Lorna

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**Catering:** Judy Olsen

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**DNA:** Lorna Henderson

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**Email links** throughout the newsletter are clickable, but will need editing to remove the antispam surplus @ symbol and any quotes before sending.

Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - in the **Who Does What** section of the "About" menu.

### 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

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.

Next meeting

March 22nd 2016

Finding living people  
Speaker: Jan Bonnett