

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!

What amazingly kind weather we are having. The occasional storm for a bit of variety, but then, sure enough, here comes the sun again! I'm sure I am getting a tan whilst sitting here at my computer.

I am really looking forward to hearing our speaker this month. Donna is going to talk to us about how we can use Facebook as another tool in finding more information on our whanau. This is a subject very close to my heart as I have been using Facebook as a means to track down the living descendants of my husband's maternal DESMOND family.

I had done a huge amount of research at the National Archives and had been able to build up a pretty complete family tree of the descendants born in New Zealand, but of course, it all got stuck at around the 100 year mark. I was able to learn more by using the cemetery records and grave websites, but that only took me so far. It was the living I was interested in. I wanted to find as many people as possible because I am organising a DESMOND Descendants Gathering for this September.

So the problem going around in my head was; "How do I find our generation, and their children?" My eureka moment came when I realised that Facebook could provide the answer.

I set up a page for the original settler, John DESMOND, who arrived with

the 65th Yorkshire Regiment in 1846, along with his wife and infant son.

So I created the "John Desmond" page even though they didn't have a date of birth option for 1812 – funny that eh! He even has a profile picture! We don't actually have a picture of him, so I used a photo of his headstone! He and his wife are buried at Mount Street Cemetery in Wellington. (Apparently it is the oldest Catholic cemetery in New Zealand.)

Slowly but surely I began receiving replies to my "Friend Request" from the younger generation of users, who then put me in touch with their parents. "John Desmond" now has over 50 "Friends", all blood relatives, and this has led to many more contacts with family members.

If you are not on Facebook, now might be the time to think about it. Come along and hear what Donna has to say. You might just find a very good reason to get started.

Hilary Cunningham

**This month's meeting is on
Tuesday July 26th
7-9 pm**

Speaker: Donna Bridgeman

**Using Facebook for
Genealogy**

July Branch Meeting

When: July 26th at 7-9pm
Where: Kapiti Community centre
What: **Donna Bridgeman - Using Facebook for genealogy**

How to: **Overview of 'Evernote' and 'Onenote' by Lorna**

Meeting chairman: Hilary Cunningham



Don't miss these!

Special event for Family History Month.

Wednesday August 17th August, 7.00 pm. at the Kapiti Community Centre

The speaker is well known author and journalist **Gerard Hindmarsh**

Born in Wellington in 1957, Gerard had a variety of jobs before finding his forte in journalism. His feature writing has won a number of awards and he was National Radio's Asian correspondent to Kim Hill's show for many years. Among his several published books is **Angelina**, the story of his Italian grandparents and their isolated life on D'Urville Island when they migrated to New Zealand in 1906.

TODAY! Thursday July 21st - 5.30-7pm. Overview of resources at the APFHC

This session will include using FindMypast and Ancestry, particularly for census records.

Family History Month in August. We will be holding two research days open to the public- on **6th and 20th August** from 11am-3pm - when individual help will be offered in 2 hour slots.

How To: Electronic scratch pads

What are they?

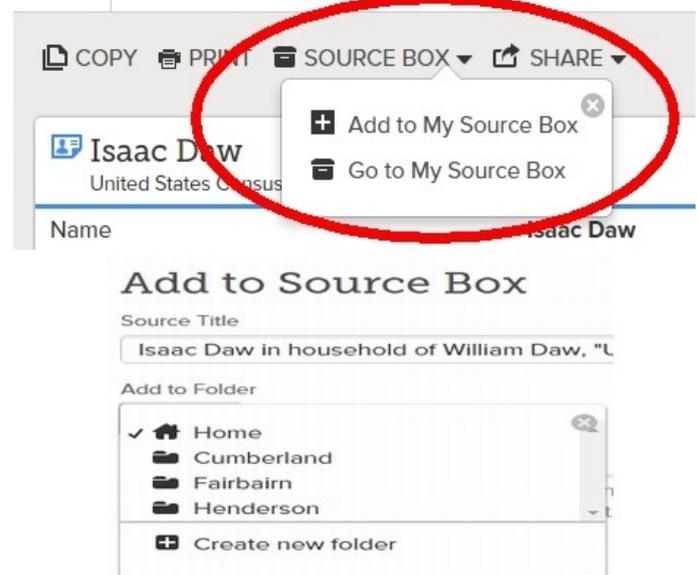
Electronic equivalents of all those scrappy bits of paper you lose. Why not lose them on your computer instead? At least you can use your computer search facilities to find them again!

Two research-site specific tools are the SourceBox on FamilySearch, and the ShoeBox on Ancestry.

To use either you will need to be registered, logged in as you and looking at the record you wish to save. Both are very useful for quickly saving records when you are on a roll, finding things that you are not yet sure are relevant and don't want to stop and process fully at the time. Both save links in their respective SourceBox/ShoeBox rather than the full details including images if applicable.

The caveat with the Ancestry ShoeBox however, is that to retrieve the associated document you will need to have a current subscription relevant for the region concerned.

Continued next month with the more generic, ie not specifically genealogy site, equivalents: Evernote or Onenote



Lorna

Update on the Schools Admissions Registers project

This project has been running since January 2015. Its purpose is to digitize as many of the schools' admissions registers as possible, as they can be a useful research tool for genealogists. A similar project 13 years ago transcribed records of Paekakariki, Paraparaumu, Raumati Beach and St. Patrick's schools, up to the 1970s. We have now brought many of these up to December 2014, as follows:

All 1849 Paekakariki records have been transcribed, checked and corrected (where necessary).

All 3357 Raumati Beach School records have been transcribed. Checking is well advanced. I still have to enter a few years of corrections for checked data.

11 years of Paraparaumu Beach School data have been entered, and are in my hands. 19 years of data are in the hands of transcribers (some have multiple years). Only 20 years remain to be given to transcribers.

I recently visited St. Patrick's school and copied the 11 years of outstanding data from their registers. This school has relatively few admissions per year, so the data won't take long to process.

All 120 years (I don't know how many records yet!) of Waikanae School data have been transcribed. Checking is yet to start and 120 years worth of data will be a very big job, so some transcribers are changing to being checkers to help with this. Thanks to those who agreed to the switch.

Bill McKeich has spoken to Kapanui School and they are keen to have their registers transcribed. So, this will be the next school we do (after St. Patrick's).

I must express my thanks to Bill McKeich who makes first contact with each school and describes the process to them. This makes it very easy for me to turn up and start copying. All the schools have been very accommodating.

In September, the checking of Waikanae School will begin. Also, Bill McKeich has arranged for me to copy Kapanui School, which should give us data to work on in the New Year when it's difficult to gain access to schools. It should obviate the situation we had at the beginning of this year, when for many weeks I had no data to give out.

Current transcribers are: Brian Ross, Derek Griffis, Rodney Foster, Stephen Sherring, Hanley Hoffmann, Bev Chappell, Alison Chappell, Maria Frazer, Elizabeth Lynch, Diana Marsden, Dandy Collings, Frances Braddick and Bill McKeich.

Current checkers are: Deborah Shuker, Kathy Callaghan, Meryl Opie, Margaret Murton, Esther Rudd and Gay Ruddleston.

My thanks to all helpers, past and present, for assisting with this project.

John Glover
Project Convenor

Breaking news!

At the NZSG AGM in June the proposed new rules were passed. We still have no confirmation that they have been registered with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies, but it will mean that members of the Kapiti Branch who are not full members of NZSG will be able to serve on the Branch Committee.

As soon as we have definite news, we will pass on the details.

Congratulations to our local Councillor, Peter Gibson, who was elected as Treasurer.

APFHC News



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

Help Sessions

Bev Chappell organises sessions to help with research for the public and members on Wednesday mornings from 10-12am at the APFHC.

Volunteers to help with these sessions are always welcome and appreciated by those needing assistance.

Research Assistance

Apart from the weekly Wednesday morning sessions, members needing assistance with their research can use the KapitiGen Forum form on our website (<http://www.kapitigen.org/resources/research/genforum/>).

Your request will be passed on to someone who has expertise in that area.

Location at Paraparaumu library

Our facility, the Alison Procter FHC, is on the ground floor of Paraparaumu library. Turn right inside the door and go to the far wall.

The keys for the APFHC cupboard are held at the Welcome Desk opposite the library entrance. Please replace the cover on the computer when you leave and lock the keyboard in the cupboard. Any matters relating to the Kapiti Branch should be taken up with a committee member, **not** library staff.

The Kapiti Genealogy Menu

Remember that you do not 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

The 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 ask 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 use memory sticks instead to record the results of your research.

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.



Round Robins

If you wish to subscribe to either of our Round Robin magazines, contact Meryl Opie at ([RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org)) 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. They all have a wealth of ideas and information.

When the 'round robin' of subscribers have finished with them, the magazines are put into folders in our library at the APFHC. So do check them out. Most articles do not date.

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 in the [programme information on our website](#), both in a downloadable document and on the calendar.

July 26th: 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.

Family History Month. Public research help sessions on **6th and 20th August**, 11am-3pm. at APFHC.

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

Thursday 1th August: Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon

Saturday 17th September: Roots magic group at Kapiti Community Centre., 2-4pm.

Sunday 14th August: DNA interest group , 2-4pm at Lorna's.

Saturday August 27th: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group, 1- 4pm at the Kapiti Community Centre.

You might also be interested in the following:

Wednesday August 17th. Talk for Family History month by Gerard Hindmarsh. See page 2 for details.

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December - next session **Thursday August 11th** 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 **Saturday August 27th** at the Kapiti Community Centre. 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.

Roots Magic group

Our next meeting is on **Saturday 17th September** 2-4pm at the Kapiti Community Centre. \$3 to cover costs/refreshments.

Questions at our July meeting included: tidying up your place names using the Place List Merge feature; RootsMagic to go - take your database and the program with you on a USB stick; the Hint system to FindMyPast, amongst others.

Mark the last meeting for the year, **Nov 19th**, in your diary .
Email [RootsMagic "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:RootsMagic@KapitiGen.org) for enquiries/suggestions.

DNA

Informal (free) 2-monthly group for anyone interested in adding DNA testing to their genealogy toolkit.

Next meeting **Sunday 14th August** 2-4pm. Lorna 04 293 7771. All questions welcome.

If you are comfortable associating your DNA data with your tree (on FamilyTreeDNA or Ancestry), have you tried the new partnership between FamilyTreeDNA and Geni?

Geni's World Tree approach, and some new DNA tools, can make it easier to find potential candidates to help with solving your brickwalls

Like WikiTree, Geni can show against a person on the tree, anyone relevant who has undertaken DNA testing. Geni is rather more conservative than WikiTree though for Autosomal DNA, which can make it a little less useful than for y-(direct paternal line) or mt-(direct maternal line) DNA.

From Bill McKeich in Australia

I had the honour to be asked to speak at the unveiling of an Information Board at Yanakie Cemetery , Wilsons Promontory, Victoria, last Sunday. The board featured g g grandparents James and Mary McKeich, Mary's son William Ernest Davis by her second marriage and also two other persons buried in the cemetery, 7 month old Alice Musgrave and Rev. William Brown.

The first three are all in the one grave recently discovered by Ground Penetrating Radar(GPR). William Brown's grave was clearly marked out and as yet Alice's grave has not been found.

During the course of my address I referred to "Trove " as being under fire and I immediately had the audience of over fifty persons' attention. Mind you I had begun my speech with an introduction in Maori which had the same effect.

I am preparing a Power Point presentation entitled "Finding My G G Parent's Grave" which I hope to present to the Branch at a future date.

Bill McKeich (We look forward to it Bill. Ed.)

Family History month



In addition to the talk by Gerard Hindmarsh and two research days Kapiti Branch are having, Wellington branches of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSG) are collaborating with the National Library of New Zealand and other groups to bring you a lively and informative programme of events during Family History Month in August 2016.

The programme includes talks, tours, and research opportunities for all aspiring and experienced family historians.

Programme Details: <http://tinyurl.com/fhm2016-wgtn>

FAMILY HISTORY IN THE AGE OF TECHNOLOGY

On the first four Wednesdays in August NZSG branches will host presentations explaining how electronic resources are vital to people with an interest in family history.

3 August – Starting your family history research: using technology to get it right – Mary Shadbolt (Kilbirnie Branch).

10 August – Researching family history using social media – Jan Powell (Porirua Branch)

This presentation will show how a range of social media, such as Facebook, Pinterest, LinkedIn, personal websites etc. enables family history researchers to create and share content.

17 August – Publishing your family stories – Suzanne Sutton-Cummings (Hutt Branch)

Getting all your family stories written down and out there to be enjoyed now and in the future.

24 August – Genealogy software programs – a panel of Wellington Branch members.

Up to five different software programmes, including Legacy (for Windows) and Reunion (for Mac), will be explained and their functions out-lined.

The National Library is hosting two introductory tours of their family history resources.

3 & 23 August 10am - Bookings required. ATLOutreach@dia.govt.nz

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday July 26th 2016

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting starts.

Supper roster: Q - V

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

Committee meetings: 7.30pm, 1st Wednesday of months February - December

Welcome to new members:

Brett PIERCE, Ian BARBOUR, and Kuini WOOLCOCK

Please make yourself known to other members at the monthly meetings. It's our chance to get to know you and share experiences, and your opportunity to find out where you can get help with your story. We hope you'll enjoy our facilities and get great benefit from your membership.

The Genealogist

We are hoping to have the new resource of The Genealogist installed at the Alison Procter Family History Centre (APFHC) before too long. It is 'a work in progress.'

Watch for future notification at the Centre to find out when it becomes available.

The subscription is for The Genealogist (<http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/>).

Along with the standard UK vital records (births, deaths and marriages) and census data, it also has specialised records only available at that site.

Just some of the collections available on the site, in no particular order, are:

*Scanned copies of the Railway Gazette,

*Tithe map collections - complete for England and Wales (<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2015/the-tithe-maps-project-317/>),

*Parish records for Norfolk (indexed and images),

*Transcriptions for Worcestershire and Essex Parish registers - and many others.

Our **Round Robin** magazine, FamilyTree, regularly offers free records from The Genealogist for up to 3 months from the sale date of the magazine - a good reason to sign up for it. See page 4 for details.

School records transcription project

This project is playing an essential part in digitizing our local schools' records. See page 2 for an update on progress.

If you are willing to take part in this project contact the coordinator, John Glover. He will be pleased to hear from you.

([pamandjohn "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:pamandjohn@paradise.net.nz))

Help with Research

Sue Greene, who has been our Research Officer for several years is no longer able to take on serious genealogy research. Many thanks, Sue, for the valuable help you have given to many people with a variety of requests.

If anyone is willing to assist with research queries in one or more specific areas/ countries, please contact a member of the Committee. Your help will be appreciated.



Late breaking news and events that we find out about between newsletters are added to [our website](#). By logging into the website you are able to post events of relevance and interesting links yourself as well as 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 on how to make the best use of this medium. If a Facebook user, do remember to click "like".

How to?

Please let the Committee know what topics you would like covered in our meeting "How to" sessions.

It's a chance to find out how to resolve any difficulty you're having with a programme or make the most of the extensive facilities we have available. Nothing is too simple or odd. Please give us your ideas.

Keep searching!





Branch meetings:

4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

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

Branch Committee

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Email links

Throughout the newsletter email links are clickable. Remove the "at" and insert the @ symbol before sending.

Membership

We welcome new and returning members. Our annual subscription is \$25.

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

Ex-officio committee

Trip organiser: Kathy Callaghan

Magazine Round Robins:

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Roots Magic: Lorna Henderson

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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.

Used ink cartridges

Please continue to bring your empty cartridges to the monthly Branch meetings.

They will be handed on to Jill Craig, our used- cartridge collector.

Newsletter contributions.

Deadline: Saturday after 1st Wednesday of month.

Please send copy to: [editor "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:editor@KapitiGen.org)

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher.

Next meeting
August 23rd 2016

Regional Research
Share your experiences and
bring your brickwalls