

Editorial

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website
[http://
KapitiGen.org](http://KapitiGen.org)
for additional
information on
events, Branch,
Interest & User
Groups, and any
late changes.

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Hello again!

Thanks to those who shared their DNA stories at the last Branch meeting. See pages 3 and 6 for more.

Since that meeting I have received the results of a DNA test from my very sceptical husband, who is Irish.

Rumour has it that grandfather Jolley had 16 children and died intestate. He must have been a wealthy man owning several farms managed by various sons because on his death, said sons apparently sold off what assets they could lay their hands on and skipped the country. Consequently, I was expecting several American Jolley cousins to appear amongst the DNA matches, but there wasn't a Jolley, Jolly, Joli or Jolie to be found!

I emailed the first person on the matches list and had a very interesting email by return from a lady in Australia. We tried several avenues but were unable to find where the match could have originated.

However, when she found my mother-in-law's maiden name was Hawkins she said her second cousin was married to a Hawkins from the same county in Ireland. We exchanged relevant photos and the family likeness is unmistakeable.

She was able to tell me that many English families, including hers, migrated to Ireland as tenants of the Earls Fitzwilliam, in the 1700s. I found Hawkins' amongst them in the Tythe

Appointment Books for 1827. Sadly, that does not explain the Ozzie lady's DNA connection with my husband!

August will be a busy month. We have cancelled our research help session on 5th August, because it clashes with Wellington Open Day. See page 4 for their interesting programme. We are holding a **Public Research Day** on August 19th at the APFHC from 11am –3pm. If you know someone who would be interested, please encourage them to come along.

Researchers will be pleased to know that the National Library is open again for tours and Kathy Callaghan has arranged a Branch tour for September 28th. Full details will be in the August issue, but in the meantime, please note the date.

The tour ties in nicely with our speaker for this month's meeting, Fiona Gray, who will be explaining the resources that are available at the National Library to help with your family history research.

With all this rain it's good to have an excuse to stay indoors in the warm and dry. Happy researching.

Sheila

Next meeting
July 25th 2017

Fiona Gray
Family History Specialist
National Library

July Branch Meeting

When: July 25th 2017 at 7-9pm
Where: Kapiti Community Centre
What: **Speaker: Fiona Gray** - Family History Specialist.
 Researching family history at the National and Alexander Turnbull Libraries.
 We have such valuable resources on our doorstep.
 Come and hear how you can make the best use of what's available.

How to: The **NZ Gazette** by Ian Brooking

Meeting Convenor: Ian Brooking
Supper roster: F – K



Branch news

Family History Month activities

1. 5th August Wellington Branch 'Open Day'. **See page 4** for full programme.
2. 15th August - NZSG 50th anniversary lunch
3. 19th August - Public Research Day, APFHC
4. 22nd August - our Branch meeting - Question and Answer session.



Anniversary Lunch, 15th August

As advertised in our June Newsletter, we are planning a shared lunch (finger food, pot luck) to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the NZSG. **ALL** members of the Otaki and Kapiti Genealogy Branches are cordially invited, whether financial members of the NZSG or not.

The event is to take place in the **Hadfield Hall** by All Saints Church in Te Rauparaha St, Otaki
 on **Tuesday 15th August** from 12.00 – 3.00pm

Please contact Ian Brooking as soon as possible if you are intending to come.

Otaki Branch is intending to put up a display of interesting items connected with genealogy. If you have anything, like old photos or a family tree that you don't mind being displayed, please contact Ian.

Come and meet more like-minded genealogists

Public Research Day

Saturday August 19th - APFHC from 11am-3pm. Please publicise this event to anyone you think might be interested. It's our opportunity to encourage people to start their family history journey. Help will be available from experienced researchers.

August Branch meeting.

This will take the form of a Question & Answer session, with a yet-to-be-revealed Expert Panel. Please send your questions to kapitigen@gmail.com as soon as possible so that the panel will have time to prepare themselves. To steal a quote from the Legacy User Group, "The only dumb question is the one you do not ask".

Don't miss out!

Guided Tour of National Library New Zealand
Thursday 28th September, Starting at 10.30am

Full details in the August newsletter.

Stories from the June monthly meeting

At our June meeting members were encouraged to share their DNA finds. This resulted in a variety of presentations showing that genetic genealogy has many different aspects that appeal.

Clive Palmer's fascination was with the patterns of people migration back in archaeological time, which can be determined by branches of the yDNA tree.

yDNA - the direct father's line testing needs a direct male line descendant of the family of interest, and tends to be much further back in timeframes. This test is only offered by FamilyTreeDNA.

https://isogg.org/wiki/Portal:Y-chromosome_DNA for further reading/links.

Ian Brooking's summary of the Brooking Surname Project was the project's use of yDNA testing of Brooking families to group - or not as the case may be - different lines. Many of these lines have already been extensively researched by members of the Brooking Society.

<http://brookingsociety.org.uk/>

The remaining three members concentrated on more recent timeframes with autosomal DNA results - this being the test able to be taken by anyone, male or female, that provides matches to your "cousins" up to 4-6 generations back with some certainty, but often further.

This is FamilyTreeDNA's FamilyFinder test, or the only test offered by Ancestry and MyHeritage (or 23andme, if you're interested in health aspects as well as genealogy).

https://isogg.org/wiki/Portal:Autosomal_DNA for further reading/links.

Lorna Henderson highlighted three of her recent finds - one by the serendipity of an unexpected match in California. Subsequent research into this match resulted in a newly-found 3* great uncle in what was believed to be an already long- and well- documented family from Devon!

Another serendipitous match uncovered what had happened to a 2* great uncle who had disappeared after the 1841 census. His death certificate in Ontario has still not been found, but a descendant, with inherited family notes from his daughter, was invaluable in linking where the new match, in California, via Michigan, belonged.

And the conscious (long term) search for DNA candidates to prove that her 2* great grandfather's elder brother had indeed survived beyond his baptismal record and produced a family - with a heap of descendants in Australia.

Make your own luck: - contact your closer matches - you never know what you'll learn as a result. Post a basic outline pedigree at Familysearch.com or Wikitree.com.

For Autosomal DNA only:

- convince a close non-sibling relative from each side of your family to test - preferably from the oldest generations still around. They will be invaluable for helping you sort out which side of the family your own matches come from.

- upload your results to GEDMatch.com (for free) where you can access a pool of results from companies other than the one who tested you, along with other tools. If you have used Ancestry or MyHeritage to test it allows you to access the next level of detail down, which FamilyTreeDNA and 23andme already provide, to see exactly which bits of which chromosome you match. This enables you to check that any family tree hint about the match actually reflects what the DNA match tells you.

Lorna Henderson

Wellington Open Day



Wellington Family History Open Day Programme

Saturday 5th August, 9am - 4pm

Samuel Marsden Collegiate School Karori

\$10 entry fee / under 18 yrs free

tinyurl.com/fhm2017-wqtn #wgtnfamilyhistorymonth

Programme	Stream 1 Beginners Upstairs Common Room	Stream 2 Family History Cultural Centre	Stream 3 DNA* Auditorium	Stalls South Studio & North Studio/ i-centre
DOORS OPEN 9AM				
9.45 - 10.30am	Cultural Centre Welcome/NZSG Member Services: What are you missing? Robyn Williams - Chair, NZSG Board			9.00am - 4.00pm NZSG Interest Groups and Exhibitors, including Archives NZ and National Library
10.45 - 11.45am	<i>NZSG Member Services Q&A</i> Robyn Williams	<i>In their own words: a brief introduction to oral history methodology</i> Judith Fyfe	<i>DNA: The Fourth Vital Record</i> Michelle Patient	
12.00 - 1.00pm	<i>Starting Your Family History</i> Sarah Hewitt	<i>Navigating Archway: Searching ArchivesNZ resources</i> Donal Raethel	<i>Your DNA results have arrived - now what?</i> Michelle Patient	
1.00 - 1.45pm	LUNCH			
1.45 - 2.45pm	<i>Starting Your Family History (repeat)</i> Sarah Hewitt	<i>Discovering a paper son from digital fingerprints</i> Richard Foy National Library	<i>DNA Breakthroughs, Surprises and Skeletons</i> Michelle Patient	
3.00 - 4.00pm	<i>Papers Past: Digging for gold!</i> Emerson Vandy	<i>Great War Stories</i> Anna Cottrell	<i>DNA Useful tools and tips</i> Michelle Patient	

*DNA: You can choose to do all the DNA sessions or pick one or more.

1) *DNA The Fourth Vital Record*

Using DNA for Family History, an introduction for those who want to know what it is and how testing DNA can help their genealogy research.

2) *Your DNA results have arrived - now what?*

For those who have tested more recently, covers the first steps in looking at your results - including Ancestry, FTDNA, LivingDNA and MyHeritage.

3) *Breakthroughs, Surprises and Skeletons*

Who to test, ethical considerations and other issues to think about when you use DNA testing for Family History

4) *Useful tools and tips*

A range of tools and tips to help you to extract the most genealogy evidence from your test results - and be better organized.

Dates for Your Diary

Kapiti Genealogy

Venues

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

KCC: Kapiti Community Centre, Pohutukawa Room, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

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

Monthly Branch meeting: July 25th 7-9pm—details pages 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, FindMyPast and The Genealogist. Public and members welcome

Saturday 19th August: APFHC - Public Research Day. 11am-3pm

Tuesday 22nd August: - Question and Answer session. See page 2 for address to send your questions.

You may also be interested in the following:

Saturday August 5th. Wellington Open Day. See page 4 for programme and details.

Tuesday August 15th. 50th Anniversary lunch in Otaki. See Page 2 for details.

Thursday September 28th. Tour of Archives NZ. Full details in August newsletter.

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

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

Saturday 12th August: DNA group at Lorna's. 2-4pm

Saturday 19th August: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group, 1- 4pm at Kapiti Community Centre.

Saturday 16th September: Roots magic group at Kapiti Community Centre., 1.30-3.30-pm.

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December.

Next session **Thursday August 10th 2017** for help with any Australian research.
10-12am at the APFHC.

Roots Magic

Two monthly meetings at the Kapiti Community Centre.

Next session: **Saturday, 16th September**, 1:30 to 3:30, doors open at 1pm, \$3 door fee. Last meeting covered a wide range of topics, mostly from members queries on how to do x y z, which included the newly released Ancestry Tree Synch feature. Discussion on the latter will continue next meeting.

Food for thought on how best to incorporate this in your use of RootsMagic from this blog <http://www.geneamusings.com/2017/07/my-best-practices-for-rootsmagic.html?m=1> noting also the earlier posts linked at the top which give more details and screenshots on the newly released features.

Legacy Users **NB. Change of date!**

Meetings are usually held on the last Saturday of every second month from February to October. Everyone is welcome.

Next meeting **Saturday August 19th 2017**, 2:00 to 4:00pm. Kapiti Community Centre. Doors open 1- 4.30pm. Tea and coffee available. Cost: \$2
Contact Gerald Twiss [Gero "at" ihug.co.nz](mailto:Gero[at]ihug.co.nz) for more details.

DNA

Informal 2-monthly group for anyone interested in adding DNA testing to their genealogy toolkit. Next session: **Saturday 12th August 2-4pm** at Lorna's (04 293 7771). Any questions, plus continuation of analysing your results by using tools such as the DNAGedCom.com Autosomal DNA analyser, to form groups of matches sharing a common ancestor - great for targeted collaboration on who that ancestor was!

Topic suggestions may be made via the form at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna>

Kathy's DNA Revelations

The use of DNA for genealogy purposes has increased markedly in the past few years. My husband Ross and I decided to buy a DNA test for each other for Christmas 2 years ago! For those that have participated in DNA testing, there is nothing more encouraging than an email from a 'match'. This is exactly what has happened for both of us several times!

I have been able to confirm my suspicions as to who was my illegitimate grandmother's father by a 3rd cousin match. Also all my research into my Norwegian grandfather, (who's dramatic story has been told twice at Kapiti Genealogy), has been confirmed by several 2nd cousin matches via DNA.

However the most touching story is about a woman that Ancestry.com said was my 2nd cousin. I was sure I knew all my 2nd cousins and could not work out how this could be. The lady to whom I matched did not have a tree on Ancestry, and I was far too busy to chase up on this, so ignored it for some months.

However, after several emails from Ancestry telling me about this close match I decided to overcome my frustration and contacted this woman. I stated that we had a 2nd cousin DNA match (annotated by Ancestry.com as 'High Confidence'), but as she did not have a tree on Ancestry it made it difficult to determine our connection. I listed my direct family line and asked if any of the names meant anything to her. She replied quickly saying that she did not have a tree on Ancestry because she was adopted! She did not recognise any of the names I had sent her, but did tell me she knew her birth mother's name and she gave me that.

That's when it all made sense, because her birth mother was on my tree, but I had not listed her surname as my gr grandmother had married twice. Her birth mother was the grandchild of my gr grandmother and her second husband!

As a result I have been able to help this lady complete her family tree and connect with her genetic family. This kind of result makes things so worthwhile!

Donna's broken brick wall!

After having a brick wall for 30 years, I finally did my own DNA test with FamilyTreeDNA and found a cousin I had been looking for after seeing an article in an Irish newspaper.

I was pretty sure he belonged to my extended family because in his article he mentioned my 3x gt grandparents. Just prior to this I had managed to find some death records of my 2x gt grandparents. Their parents names were mentioned so the 3x gt grandparents were confirmed.

On my aunty's DNA results this cousin showed up with only a very small match. On my results he came up with a large match. He had not replied to my aunty's contact about the results, but did answer mine.

A phone call after he replied to the 2nd email about my results helped both of us to discover that three siblings came out to NZ in 1864. a brother and two sisters.

He is descended from the brother; I am descended from one of the sisters - my 2x gt grandmother.

There are many descendants from the three siblings today

If you wish to subscribe to either of our Round Robin magazines, contact Bev Chappell 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 have a wealth of ideas and information When the 'round robin' 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.

Information for new members

Branch meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from January to November.

This month's meeting:

Tuesday July 25th 2017. Details on page 2.

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting starts.

Supper roster: F - K

We have a roster to help our supper organiser, Judy Olsen. If your surname starts with the above letters, she would appreciate your assistance. (Don't worry - we use the dishwasher provided!)

Committee meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 1st Wednesday of months February - December.

Welcome to new members:

Adrienne Burleigh, Tony Pickford,
Brenda McLean and Clare Smith.

Please make yourself known to Donna on the front table when you arrive at your first monthly Branch meeting, so you can be introduced to other members with similar interests.

Help with Research

Our help sessions on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparaumu Library 10-12am and on the first Saturday of every second month will give you individual help to find your way around the facilities.

The session on August 5th has been cancelled due to a clash with Wellington's Family History open day . See programme on page 4.

Our contribution to Family History Month is a Public Research Day on August 19th. (see page 2)

Basic Genealogy Workshops?

The Committee would like to know if a series of workshops covering the basics of genealogical research would be helpful to those just starting their family history. Please approach any member of the committee with suggestions or feedback.

Kapiti Genealogy on Facebook

Our Facebook page has been changed to a Facebook group. This means that it will be restricted to people who join the group and anything you ask or post will be seen only by the group. The Facebook group for the Kapiti Genealogy is up and running.

Here is the link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/KapitiGenealogyGroup/>

Check it out. Kathy Callaghan and Donna Bridgeman are the administrators, Suggestions are welcome.

Facilities at the

Alison Proctor Family History Centre

The APFHC is located at Paraparaumu Library . Turn right inside the library entrance and at the far end you'll see the six computers, microfiche and library. The cupboard on the right hand side of the area contains the red folders mentioned below.

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 red signing-in book found in the drawer - such statistics help us when applying for grants. Please replace the cover on the computer when you leave and lock the keyboard in the cupboard.

Resources

We have wonderful resources on all six of our computers at the APFHC, quite apart from all the other records and books. You are encouraged to use these resources as often as you need. They are the envy of other Genealogy Societies.

All six computers have subscriptions to Ancestry, FindMyPast and access to The Genealogist, as well as free sites like FamilySearch. A microfiche is available. You are encouraged to save the results of your searches on a USB memory stick or send them to your own email address. We have a printer if you wish to print a hard copy. Please put 10c per copy in the honesty box on the cupboard door. Please do **not** switch the printer off.

Website login

Do remember that if you have forgotten your login to our website there is a password reset option.

<http://www.kapitigen.org/wp-login.php>

which works for either your assigned username or the email address you provided to us.

Log in and explore, or update your own contact details.

School records transcription project

This project is playing an essential part in digitizing our local schools' records. 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))



Branch meetings:

4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

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

Branch Committee

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Membership

Subscriptions for the current financial year became due on the 1st of April - only \$25 for the year.

Only the current cream card is now valid for accessing our resources at the APFHC.

Full payment options available at

<http://www.kapitigen.org/2017/02/membership-for-20172018/>

where the bank account for internet banking is our NEW account BNZ 02-0591-0040791-000

Ex-officio committee

Trip organiser: Kathy Callaghan

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Newsletter contributions.

Deadline: Saturday after 1st Wednesday of month.

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

Email links

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Next meeting
August 22nd 2017
Question and Answer
session.

Email your questions to
[kapitigen"at"gmail.com](mailto:kapitigen@gmail.com)