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## Editorial

### August is Family History Month.

Kapiti Genealogy is holding a public research day, **this Saturday 25th August, 10am-3pm**, at the APFHC.

If you have friends that have always talked about starting their family history but never got around to it, do encourage them to come along - help is at hand!

There has been a lot of interesting activity this month. I went on the tour of the National Library arranged by Kathy on August 9th and was amazed by the amount and different sorts of information available. There was far too much to take in on one visit so, no doubt, I'll be going again. There is plenty of space to do research, with everything at your fingertips, and a help desk if you need assistance.

See the notes on page 5 about using Family Search.

Kathy has organised a tour of Archives NZ for **October 9th** at 10.30am. Details will be in the next newsletter.

Another 'Back to Basics' workshop is in progress, having started on August 20th. If you would like to join the next one, please contact Ian Barbour. [barbour@xtra.co.nz](mailto:barbour@xtra.co.nz) Numbers are limited so it would pay to register your interest.

By now those members who prefer a meeting during the day should have caught up with the Daytime Group that meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Baptist Church in Waikanae. (See page 2 for details). The emphasis is on sharing ideas and small group discussions. The Group is gathering information to help members explore their wider European ancestry and would like to hear from anyone who has some experience of researching a particular area or country. Please contact Sonia Coom on [sonia@solarnight.net](mailto:sonia@solarnight.net)

If you want to know more about Family Search, don't miss the Overview Session on Thursday September 6th 1.30-3pm at APFHC and last, but not least, learn how other members have been working hard to unravel the mysteries of Brick Walls.

See you next Tuesday evening.  
*Sheila*

Next meeting  
August 28th

How to Tackle that  
Brick Wall

## August Branch Meeting

### Evening meeting.

**When:** **Tuesday August 28th** - 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.  
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

**Where:** Kapiti Community Centre, 15, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu,

**What: Brick Walls!**

Come and learn how to conquer your family history brickwalls!  
Examples are based on the real-life brickwalls submitted by members.



**Meeting Convenor:** Ian Barbour

**Supper roster:** Q – U

### Daytime Group meeting.

**When:** **Wednesday September 19th**- 1.30 - 4pm

**NB. Day and time.**

**Where:** Waikanae Baptist Church Cafe, 286, Te Moana Rd., Waikanae.

**What: 125th Anniversary of Women's suffrage in NZ.**

Check <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/politics/womens-suffrage/petition> & see if one of your female ancestors signed the suffrage petition..

**Convenor:** Sonia Coom

## Branch news

**Another four-week series of 'Back to basics' workshops** started on August 20th covering Introduction, Searching, Recording and Networking. If you missed out this time around, contact Ian Barbour to register your interest in the next one. Email: [barbour@xtra.co.nz](mailto:barbour@xtra.co.nz)

Tour of Archives NZ on **Tuesday October 9th** at 10.30 am. Full details in September newsletter.

### Advance notice. **Tuesday 5 March 2019**

Leading Scottish Highland genealogist Graeme Mackenzie is visiting New Zealand and will be hosted by Kapiti Genealogy to present two lectures at the Waikanae Baptist Church Te Moana Road.

Graeme is a trained historian, with a Masters Degree from the University of Cambridge, and has been a professional genealogist specialising in the Highland clans and families of Scotland for the last 25 years. This event will be open to anyone interested in coming along. Details in future newsletters.

### Les Bowen

Sadly, long-time member Les Bowen died in July. Les was born in the village of Marden on the English/Welsh border and always considered himself a Welshman. He qualified as an architect and met his wife of 60 years, Barbara, while working in London.

They migrated to New Zealand with two young children in 1964 and immersed themselves in new Zealand life. Les became proficient in Maori carving and as an architect was associated with both the Beehive and the new Massey University building.

Les was a volunteer for several years at our public research sessions on Wednesday mornings. He was known for being willing to help wherever he could.

Our condolences go to Barbara and Les's family.

## Matron Lucy Trumble - WWI nurse

July's interesting well-presented talk from Rosemary Marryatt about her WWI nurse Aunt Mil. prompted me to look again at my research on WWI nurse, Lucy Trumble. Here are two points of interest: - many of our personnel were still waiting to get home from Europe a long time after peace was declared; - sufficient soldiers were returning with tuberculosis to require the building of a sanatorium. To survive the war and the 1918 flu, but now have tuberculosis, must have felt so unfair.

On 12 May 1919, the Director of Medical Services, Wellington, replying to the Doctor in charge of the Military Sanatorium, Cashmere Hills Christchurch, wrote.

*"I have cabled to London stressing the necessity of Sister Trumble's early return to New Zealand."*

Sister Trumble had been appointed Matron of the Military Sanatorium due to open at the end of June, but was still in London awaiting transport. The cable worked because on the 15th August 1919 Sister Trumble reported for duty and was promoted to rank of Matron by the NZ Army Nursing Service. Lucy Trumble was one of the few returning nurses who found a job commensurate with their experience overseas. After four years Matron Trumble went on to be Matron of the associated Fresh Air Home for six years, and then Matron of all the tuberculosis institutions of The North Canterbury Hospital Board.

The object of the Fresh Air Home was to prevent children of tubercular parents from developing the disease. The young people were kept in the fresh air all day and all night, and were exposed to the sun for about an hour every day, as it was proved that browning of the skin, played a large part in keeping a child free from tubercular infection. (Press 12 August 1926)

A google for Cashmere Sanatorium brought up this site <https://cclblog.wordpress.com/2017/03/07/the-hill-of-hope-cashmere-sanatorium/> which had information plus a link to two photo albums at Canterbury library of Cashmere Sanatoriums. A bonus was a photo of Matron Trumble!

Deborah Shuker

## National Library Tour

Another successful tour of the National Library happened on August 9th. For some it was new, and others had been on many occasions. Everyone came away with a deeper appreciation of the value of the National Library for family history research. We were shown many of the usual tools, such as the computer system (and how to order items), electoral rolls, the CD collection and the newspaper collection. The modern microfilm readers are so much easier to use and you can save easily to USB.

We were reminded of some of the lesser known tools, such as the pictorial collection for finding photographs of ships on which our ancestors sailed to NZ or photos of the places they settled, where you can see what these places looked like in their day.

One computer is dedicated to maps of NZ (called Quick Maps). You can put in an address and see the history of ownership of an address. The Habitation Index is electoral rolls organised by street name, so you can see who was living in the same street as your ancestors. This collection only started in 1981. Also there is a wide variety of Magazines, such as the Memories Magazine and endless books on family history.

A tour is very helpful in making a visit to the National Library less overwhelming. We'll be repeating it again next year.

The National Library do run regular tours for the public, but the focus is broader than family history.

See their website for details.

Kathy Callaghan



Fiona Grey explaining the facilities

## Mount Felix Tapestry

One Friday morning towards the end of January I wasn't really listening to Radio NZ National, but did prick up my ears when 'Walton-on-Thames and New Zealand Hospital at Mount Felix' were mentioned. I had never heard of Mount Felix Hospital but did know that my Great Auntie Susie had spent quite a long time in Walton-on-Thames as a member of the NZ Army Nursing Service during WWI. She also served in France as an anaesthetist in casualty clearing stations and stationery hospitals; and for a short time in Egypt, on her way to Britain in 1916. I later listened to the documentary in full and became quite emotional when I learned more, particularly about the Mount Felix Tapestry and the history behind it.

The NZ High Commissioner to Britain during WWI, Sir Thomas MacKenzie, and members of the NZ War Contingent Association such as Lord Plunkett, a former governor general in NZ, and Lady Islington, wife of another former NZ governor general, were instrumental in establishing the idea of a NZ hospital specifically for NZ soldiers following Gallipoli, and in obtaining the use of the Mount Felix property at Walton in 1915. It was to be the first of three wholly NZ hospitals. During the four years it operated at least 27,000 NZ soldiers were treated at Mount Felix - with only 150 deaths. Sir Thomas was later to say "That small number spoke volumes for the skill of the surgeons and physicians and the care of the nurses."

About 2007, as a community initiative, Andrew Crummy, a Scottish artist, illustrated the Preston Pans Tapestry. The idea of a community tapestry appealed to Emily Boulting, Artistic Director of Riverhouse Barn Arts Centre in Walton-on-Thames and, with the centenary of Gallipoli and WWI in mind, she advanced the idea to commemorate the NZ Hospital at Mount Felix and the New Zealand association with Walton-on-Thames. Walton has several streets with NZ names, a pub which used to be named 'The Kiwi' and there is a strong link between the Mount Felix Hospital and St Mary's Anglican Church. For example an ANZAC service is held there every April 25th and several NZ soldiers are buried in the Church graveyard. The majority of present-day residents of Walton have no idea the hospital existed or why some streets there have NZ names; or why there is a Kowhai tree planted in the car park outside the Homebase store – an English equivalent to Bunnings Warehouse.

Much research was done. It was decided to seek sponsorship and commission Andrew Crummy to illustrate 44 panels which would be stitched by what turned out to be 603 volunteers. Volunteers were mainly locals, groups or individuals [Panel 20 Walton Welcomes the Wounded], although the New Zealand Women's Association (London) completed a panel [Panel 27 Poppy's Story - On the Wards of Mount Felix]. Some British servicemen resident at Headley Court Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre in Surrey did one [Panel 37 Soldiers Stitch a Memorial Banner]. As part of their rehabilitation, WWI Mount Felix soldiers had stitched a memorial banner to honour the 19 soldiers and one nurse who are buried in St Mary's Churchyard. The banner is thought to now be in Te Papa.

One panel was completed here in NZ. [Panel 26 Poppy's Story – Surviving the Sinking of the Marquette] In Christchurch there is a Memorial Chapel for the Christchurch and other nurses who lost their lives in the sinking of the Marquette in 1915. It is being reinstated following old age and damage during the Christchurch earthquakes. The Lemon Squeezer is my favourite panel as it connects me to my South Taranaki roots [Panel 9]

An exhibition of the 44 panels which make up the Mount Felix Tapestry is to visit NZ in time for the 103rd anniversary of the sinking of Marquette in October and will then be exhibited at various locations in NZ until 30th September 2019, when it will return to Walton-on-Thames and be on permanent display in St Mary's Anglican Church. It will be at the Expressions Gallery, Upper Hutt between 23rd December 2018 and 4th March 2019.

Ellie Jay's documentary can be heard by podcast on RNZ National's website. Go to [www.radionz.co.nz](http://www.radionz.co.nz) and type "Mt Felix Tapestry – Kiwi Soldiers in Walton-on-Thames" in the search engine.

I have since heard an interview by Lynn Freeman on 'Standing Room Only' with Andrew Crummy, the tapestry illustrator. That can also be heard on Radio New Zealand podcast. Go to [www.radionz.co.nz](http://www.radionz.co.nz) and type "Andrew Crummy" into the search engine.

The Tapestry has its own website, [www.mountfelixtapestry.co.uk](http://www.mountfelixtapestry.co.uk), with each of the panels shown and described.

Denice McCarten

## Progress of Schools Admission projects

Quarterly Progress Report on the Schools Admissions Registers Project of the Kapiti Genealogy Group (assisted by members of the Waikanae Family History Group).

Paekakariki School Project 4640  
1849 Records completed and passed to NZSG

Raumati Beach School Project 4639  
3357 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 5 Apr 2017.

Waikanae Primary School Project 4641  
7747 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 9 Apr 2018.

Paraparaumu Beach School Project 4643  
1965 – 2015 transcribed: 1965 – 2003 checked: 1965 – 1994 edited.

St Patricks School Project 4651  
2005 – 2015 transcribed. Checking is yet to start.

Kapanui School Project 4645  
1978 – 2015 transcribed. Checking is yet to start.

Kenakena School Project 4653  
1978 – 2010 transcribed. Checking is yet to start.



As can be seen above, checking and editing of the Paraparaumu Beach School is progressing quickly. Bill McKeich is trying to get permission from Paraparaumu College for us to transcribe their registers.

*John Glover*

## Family Search - Important information

Since early July, the FamilySearch affiliate library images have not been accessible on any of the search stations (computers) in the National Library's Reading Room as FamilySearch no longer supports the outdated browser (Internet Explorer) used by the National Library.

HOWEVER, you can still access the FamilySearch affiliate library's images by bringing in a laptop or tablet (one that has a reasonably up-to-date browser such as Edge, Firefox, Safari, Chrome) and connecting through the National Library's free Wi-Fi network. You'll be able to download images to your laptop. You won't usually be able to download to an iPad, but you might to another brand of tablet (android).

Our FamilySearch Service volunteers are available to assist you access the images on your own device – and we can email images to you if your device can't download and you can supply us with the film number and image number.

*Jenny Martin and Christine Williams* FamilySearch Service at the National Library. Wellington

## Round Robins

If you wish 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.

## 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 to download and on the calendar.

**Monthly Branch meeting: Tuesday 28th August 7-9pm - details page 2**

**KG Daytime Group: Wednesday 19th September, 1.30-4pm.** Waikanae Baptist Church, Te Moana Rd.

**Wednesdays:** 10 am to noon. Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC and further your family tree. .

**Saturday 25th August:** Family History Month - open public research session, 10am-3pm, APFHC

**Saturday 1st September:** Members help session, 1- 3pm, APFHC. **By appointment.** Phone 293 7771 to book.

**Thursday 6th September:** Overview of resources. APFHC 1.30-3pm Focus - Family Search

**Tuesday 9th October:** Tour of Archives NZ. Details in September newsletter.

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

**Saturday 25th August:** NZ Kapiti Legacy users group, 1- 4pm at Kapiti Community Centre.

**Tuesday 11th September:** Irish interest group. 2 - 4pm, APFHC

**Thursday 13th September:** Australian interest group. 10 - 12 noon APFHC

**Saturday 15th September:** Roots Magic group at Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm.

**Saturday 13th October:** DNA group at Kapiti Community Centre. 2- 4pm.

## Interest Groups

### Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December.

Next session **Thursday 13th September**

for help with any Australian research.

**10 -12noon** at APFHC.

### DNA

Our next two-monthly meeting (2nd Sat. of month) falls on **Saturday 13th October 2 - 4pm** at Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu. All welcome. \$3 door charge including refreshments.

Have you tried the DNA match clustering tools available on RootsFinder? It helps you focus on the most relevant matches in groups that share specific ancestors somewhere/when.

It needs kits to be uploaded to GEDMatch, so convince your DNA matches to do so.

GEDMatch is free, accepts autosomal DNA files from the testing companies, giving you access to different matching pools and more tools for exploring connections

Do bring along your questions, someone present should be able to help.

Dates for the year on our website

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>

### Legacy Users

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

Next meeting **Saturday 25th August 2 - 4pm.**

Kapiti Community Centre. Doors open 1- 4.30pm.

Tea and coffee available. Cost: \$2. Contact Gerald

Twiss on [gerot@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gerot@xtra.co.nz) for details.

### Irish Special Interest

Next meeting **Tuesday 11th September**

**2-4pm.** APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

### Roots Magic

For those using or interested in using Rootsmagic to keep track of their Family History.

Next two-monthly meeting

**Saturday 15th September 2-4pm** at the Kapiti Community Centre.

\$3 door fee. to cover rental/refreshments

Q and A session. Come and share your experiences, tips and techniques.

Or suggest a topic at

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic/>

## Information for new members

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

**Daytime Group meetings** are on the third Wednesday of the month from Jan. to November.

### Next meetings

**Tuesday August 28th** 7:00pm: supper  
7:30pm: meeting starts.

**Wednesday September 19th** 1.30- 4pm  
Free to members of the Branch, Visitors \$3  
Details of both meetings on page 2

**Committee meetings** are held at 7.30pm on the 1st Wednesday of months January - November.

### Supper roster: Q – U

If your surname starts with the above letters, we would appreciate your assistance. (Don't worry - we use the dishwasher provided!)

### Welcome to new members:

Marijke Bullians, Alison Collett, Norma Tong, Dick Steere and Louise Aitken.

If you have not been to a Branch meeting before, please make yourself known to Donna on the entrance table to be introduced to members.

### Help with Research

**Our help sessions** on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparamu Library 10-12am and on the first Saturday of every month (**by appointment - see below**) will give you individual help around our the great facilities.

The next overview session of our resources is on **Thursday 6th September 1.30-3pm**, and will focus on using Familysearch.

### Website

Log in and explore, update your details and find information on our user groups as well as a full programme of meetings.

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/>

### Facilities at the

#### Alison Proctor Family History Centre

The APFHC is located at Paraparamu 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.

(Just at present the cupboard is damaged following recarpeting. The top drawer is jammed.)

#### Computer Password at the APFHC

The APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red Computer Help folder found in one of the drawers.

Members need to get the cupboard key from the library Welcome Desk, when you will asked to show your membership card. Please sign the red signing-in book found in the drawer. Replace the cover on the computer when you leave and lock the keyboard in the cupboard.

We have wonderful resources on all six of our computers at the APFHC, quite apart from all the other records and books.

All six computers have subscriptions to Ancestry, FindMyPast and access to The Genealogist, as well as free sites like FamilySearch (we suggest you use your own log-in to 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 off** the printer.

#### School records transcription project

John Glover and his team are 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. [pamandjohnglo "at" gmail.com](mailto:pamandjohnglo@atgmail.com)

## Saturday help session for members

If you are unable to get to the public help session on Wednesday morning or need help in a particular area, we have arranged another research session for members on the first Saturday afternoon in the month. This is **by appointment only** and is a great opportunity to get one-on-one help. Please pre-book a slot by phoning Lorna on 293 7771 so that an appropriate person for your query can be arranged.



### Branch meetings:

#### 4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

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

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,  
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

#### Daytime Group:

#### 3rd Wednesday, Jan - Nov

Time: 1,30pm  
Venue: Waikanae Baptist Church,  
286, Te Moana Road, Waikanae

### Branch Committee

**Convener:** Ian Barbour  
Convener "at" KapitiGen.org

**Secretary:** Denice McCarten  
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secretary "at" KapitiGen.org

**Treasurer and Membership:**  
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### Programme & Activities:

Ian Brooking  
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**Members:** Donna Bridgman  
Gerard Denton  
Sonia Coom

**Librarian:** Beverley Chappell

### Magazine Round Robins:

Bev Chappell  
RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org

### Membership

New members always welcome.  
A bargain at \$25 for the year to 31st March 2019.  
Check out <http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/>  
for the application form or to apply online.  
Bank account for internet banking  
payments: BNZ 02-0591-0040791-000  
Further details at  
<http://www.kapitigen.org/2018/01/membership-for-20182019/>  
To access our resources at the Paraparaumu Library  
whenever the library is open use your blue  
membership card.

### Webmasters:

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

**Meeting registrar:** Donna Bridgeman

**Sound System:** Ian Brooking

### Ex-officio committee

**Newsletter Editor:** Sheila Jolley  
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**Computer Liaison:** Frances Braddick

**Trip organiser:** Kathy Callaghan

**Equipment Support:**  
Lindsay Olsen. Backup Lorna

**Catering:** Judy Olsen

**Schools project:** John Glover

**Schools liaison:** Bill McKeich

**Raffle:** Stephen Sherring

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### School Admission records project:

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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.

### Email links

Throughout the newsletter email links are  
clickable. Remove the extra @ symbol  
before sending.

Next meeting  
September 25th 2018

The 1918 Influenza project -  
Karori Cemetery  
by Barbara Mulligan