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

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Editorial



Happy New Year!

2019! Where has the time gone since the turn of the Century?

I suppose I'm like most people who think that a New Year's resolution will make all the difference, only to be disappointed. But this year I am determined to get the information on all those pesky bits of paper put into a 'programme' that will spew out records and reports on demand.

The snippet Frances dropped in her article in the last newsletter about finding the reference to 'Lane End' on Roots Magic, inspired me! An then Colin, this month on page 3, colour coding the generations for his family tree at Christmas, has strengthened my resolve. Roots magic - here I come!

As promised at the last Branch meeting, This issue contains Ian Barbour's interesting article about his grandfather, John Barbour.

Scottish Researchers Alert!
Graeme McKenzie's visit presents

a great opportunity to hear an expert on Scottish genealogy. Our website contains details of the programme, times and venues. See page 2.

Remember that we have a subscription to TheGenealogist on our computers at the APFHC. If you have Worcestershire research, TheGenealogist has just added 144,000 individuals to their transcriptions.

Other new records include additions to the UK Headstones transcriptions, some of the more noteworthy being highlighted in their article:
<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2019/thegenealogist-adds-to-its-headstone-collection-to-reveal-some-fascinating-celebrities-1038/>

Daytime members - don't miss the change of date from the 3rd to 4th Wednesday of the month, same time and venue.

Sheila

Next meeting
January 22nd 2019

'Here is the News'
Bring along any snippet
of interesting news to
share

January Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: **Tuesday January 22nd** 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

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

What: **'Here is the News'**

Save any interesting or amusing news items to share at this popular session. Anything relating to genealogy or historical culture. Nothing is too trivial!



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Meeting Convenor: Ian Barbour

Supper roster: L – P

Daytime meeting.

When: **Wednesday January 23rd** 1.30 - mix and mingle
2-4pm - meeting

Where: Waikanae Baptist Church cafe, 286, Te Moana Rd., Waikanae.

What: **Charting your family tree - by Gerald Twiss.**

Followed by problem sharing, discussion and research.

Convenor: Sonia Coom

Branch news

Daytime meetings will now take place on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of the month.

Same timeslot on the day following the Evening Meeting. Apologies if this change does not suit everyone, but the decision was not made lightly. Members now have greater access to wi-fi, which will allow more time for research in smaller groups. See above for details of the first meeting of 2019, on **January 23rd**.

Volunteers required! Our long-term Secretary, Denice McCarten is stepping down and we need a replacement. The work is not onerous; committee meetings are fun. For more details contact Denice at [secretary "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:secretary@KapitiGen.org) or phone 905 8266.

If you are willing to be on the Committee and are able to help in any capacity, please contact Denice. Enjoy the satisfaction of helping with branch activities.

Reminder - Mount Felix Tapestry commemorating the WWI New Zealand Hospital at Walton-on-Thames is on view at Mitre 10 Mega Create Gallery, Expressions Whirinaki Arts and Entertainment Centre, 836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt (4 minutes walk from Railway Station). Open daily between 9am and 4pm until 3 March 2019. Free Entry.

Scottish researchers - don't miss this opportunity. 4th and 5th March.

Graeme Mc Kenzie will be hosted by Kapiti Genealogy and Kilburnie Branch to present four lectures, two in Kiburnie on 4th March and two in Waikanae on 5th March.

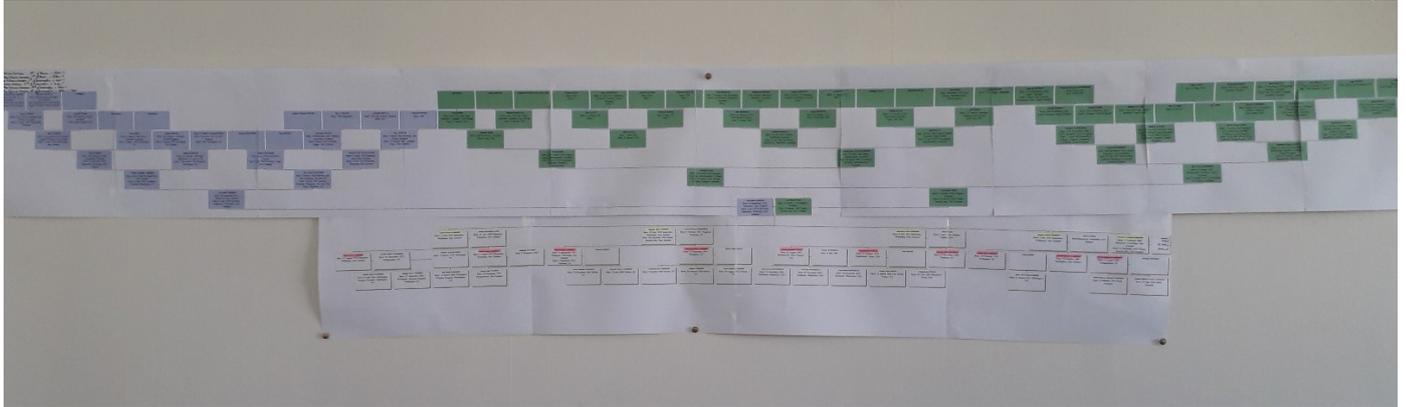
Graeme is a trained historian, with a Masters Degree from Cambridge, and has been a professional genealogist specialising in the Highland clans and families of Scotland for the last 25 years. This event will be open to anyone interested in coming along.

Full details including programme, times and venues on the website <http://www.kapitigen.org/2018/11/scottish-seminars-march-2019/>

Christmas trees and Family trees

This Christmas my wife and I hosted three generations of our family, which seemed like a good opportunity to set up a rough and ready family tree alongside the Christmas tree - one of those 'never let a chance go by' moments that we genealogy-inclined people are prone to!

Knowing what a humongous amount of space and paper these things can take up if you get carried away, I gathered a heap of copy paper that had been used on one side and loaded up the printer.



Because my brother and my sister's son were with us, as well as our own sons, partners and children, I decided that my parents were the obvious choice to be centre stage. To make it easier for the family to grasp what they were looking at, I asked my RootsMagic family tree programme to colour-code my dad and his ancestors blue (our paternal line), and green for my mum's side (the maternal line), going back five generations.

In the row below dad and mum are myself and my siblings (in yellow fluoro – again, to draw the unfamiliar eye) with our spouses and, below us, our sons and daughters (in pink highlighter) and spouses/partners.

And in the bottom row are the great-grandchildren of my mum and dad – the real target of this exercise!

For each person I just included birth and death year, and place.

Considering it was very much a 'No.8 wire' piece of work and took up 2.5m of wall space, it created a good bit of fun and amazement from the younger generations - and the not-so-young!

Well worthwhile.

Colin Cameron

On the Irish Trail?

Message from **Jenny Martin**. Check it out!

Just released in the "Irish Times newspaper".

3 accounts of families using the Irelandxo site www.irelandxo.com

This is the website I encourage you all to use in your research.

It is free although they ask for donations if you can.

Direct your question to the closest Parish your ancestor may have been born as many of the helpers (volunteers) use the local Parish registers and may find something not included in the official sites.

11th November 1918 - 100 years on



**John Barbour
1889-1940**

On Armistice Day, the 11th November 1918, Private John Barbour, 3/1684, was in hospital in Glasgow having contracted influenza while on leave from the Western Front, visiting his mother and father. The influenza pandemic swept around the world killing between 50 and 100 million people, which was approximately 5% of the world's population at that time.

John Barbour was born in 1889 in Glasgow, Scotland, and was the only child of James and Jessie Barbour.

James Barbour was the son of a tenant farmer at Lochwinnoch, just south east of Glasgow, who would have been 'moved off his land' during the second phase of the Scottish Clearances in the 1860's, at which time he shifted to Glasgow with his wife and children.

James married Jessie Brotherston and they had their only child, John Barbour, when they were in their forties.

John Barbour was educated in Glasgow and on leaving school took a job as a clerk until, at the age of 23, he decided to emigrate to New Zealand for, hopefully, a better life. John had an uncle living in Ashburton with whom he could stay when he got to New Zealand giving him some family connection in his new country. How sad his Mum and Dad must have been to see their only son leaving them and thinking they would never see him again. But they were probably pleased for John that he was going to have a better life in a new country.

John arrived to a New Zealand in 1913 that was in the early stages of European colonization having been settled by Maoris many years earlier. The world at that time was a very different place to the one we know today. Mainly horse and carts to get about, with only a few cars.

Working as a butcher in Ashburton, John set about establishing himself in his new country. However war was looming in Europe and in August 1914 Great Britain entered World War I. Loyalty to Great Britain, the homeland, was significant and young men rushed to volunteer to join the fight. The word was "it will be over by Christmas" and that it would be a real adventure to travel to the other side of the world to fight. How wrong was that?

John Barbour volunteered in September 1915 and chose to join the No3 New Zealand Field Ambulance with his training in Palmerston North, before heading overseas in February 1916.

The fateful Gallipoli campaign was lost by then and New Zealand soldiers had suffered heavy losses.

By the middle of 1916 John Barbour was posted to the Western Front in France.

The No3 Field Ambulance was embedded with the New Zealand Rifle Brigade. The role of the Field Ambulance was to stretcher the wounded back from the trenches and provide appropriate medical help before they were moved to Field Hospitals, well back from the front lines.

Being this close to the front line, the Field Ambulance suffered many losses to enemy fire, with their dressing stations often ahead of their own artillery putting them right in the middle of battle.

The Field Ambulance were active on the front line for the major battles of the Somme late 1916, in early 1917 the battle of Messines, and Passchendaele in late 1917.

John Barbour would have experienced life and death on a daily basis and would have seen the horrors of war first hand, being exposed to injuries and death that no human being should have had to face.

John Barbour's story continued

The Field Ambulance "just got on with it" doing the best they could to save lives and treat those who had died with dignity and respect. John was on the Western Front for two and half years and it is beyond comprehension how he would have felt - brave, scared, lonely, bold, no words can describe. No doubt, through his actions and bravery men's lives were saved.

While on leave in Glasgow in November 1918, visiting his parents, John contracted influenza and was admitted to hospital in Glasgow from where he witnessed Armistice Day on the 11th Nov 1918. John battled influenza in various military hospitals over eight months until he was able to return to New Zealand in July 1919.

History tells us that the returning soldiers were treated poorly, unable to get jobs and left to keep to themselves the horrific experiences they had had of war. Their experiences would have scarred them deeply for life.

Not able to settle back in Ashburton, John moved to Dunedin where he met and married Eliza (Gramps) Blythe. Eliza's first husband had died in 1920 at the age of 36 from pneumonia. Eliza was left with her four young children Doris 5, David 4, William 2, and Joy, less than a year old. Young David was to die in 1921 from appendicitis.

John Barbour married Eliza in 1922 and their only child "Jack" was born later in the year.

As a new family they moved to Roxburgh. Through the 1930's the world suffered the Great Depression with economies collapsing in most civilized countries. This meant work was almost impossible to find and supporting a family was a real struggle. John was one of the lucky ones who managed to get a job, but things were still very tough with four children to feed.

Many who had emigrated from Great Britain were left wondering if life would indeed get any better. By the late 1930s the depression was coming to an end and things were looking better for the future.

The household included four children and to them their Dad, John, would have spoken with a heavy Scottish accent. John worked hard to provide for and nurture his family. The late 1930s were the best years for the family but with war again looking likely in Europe the "good years" were short lived.

John Barbour died of a heart attack while at work in Roxburgh in 1940. His untimely death at the age of 52 was undoubtedly due to his weakened heart from the influenza he suffered at the end of World War I. John did not live to see his son, Jack, stepson William and son in law "Bill" go off to World War II. Would he have wanted to see that?

Eliza (Gramps) went on to live to ninety-two and her life is another story.

Fern, Murphy, Joey, Addison, Caitlyn, Sammy, Noah and Caelan -

You can be very proud of your great-great-grandfather, John Barbour. When it comes to remembering those who fought and the many who gave their lives for our free world, you, as great-great-grandsons and great-great-granddaughters can stand tall knowing your family history is something worthy of remembering.

I am sure John Barbour would, in turn, be proud of you in acknowledging and appreciating your family's background, knowing you are looking to the future with confidence and a loving kindness to all fellow human beings.

Ian Barbour

John Barbour's grandson

11th Nov 2018

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 on the calendar.

Monthly Branch meeting: Tuesday 22nd January 7-9pm - details of meetings on page 2

Daytime meeting: Wednesday 23rd January 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.

Saturday 2nd February: Members help session, 1- 3pm, APFHC. **By appointment.** Phone 293 7771 to book.
(see page 7 for details.)

Monday March 4th: Graeme Mckenzie lectures in Kilburnie.

Tuesday March 5th: Graeme Mckenzie lectures in Waikanae. See website for details of programme & venues.

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

Saturday 9th February: DNA Interest Group. Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm.

Tuesday 12th February: Irish interest group. 2 - 4pm, APFHC

Thursday 14th February: Australian interest group. 10 - 12 noon APFHC

Saturday 23rd February: NZ Kapiti Legacy users group, 1- 4pm. First meeting of 2019.

Saturday 16th March: Roots Magic group. Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm.

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to November.

Next session **Thursday 14th February** for help with any Australian research. **10 - 12noon** at APFHC.

DNA

We restart in on **Saturday 9th February** at Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm

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

Many of you should shortly be getting your results back from the sales if you got in quick last year!

Have any of you ventured into making sense of your Ancestry DNA results using the Leeds Method for Clustering your matches (to identify the likely ancestral connection)?

<https://dna-explained.com/2018/09/26/the-leeds-method/>

There is now an automated tool for this technique available at DNAGedCom.com if you subscribe (small fee). Read about it on Dana Leed's blog: <https://www.danaleeds.com/>.

Irish Special Interest

Next meeting **Tuesday 12th February 2-4pm.** APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

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

Legacy Users

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

Next meeting **Saturday 23rd February 2 - 4pm.** Kapiti Community Centre. Doors open 1- 4.30pm. Tea and coffee available. Cost: \$2. Contact Gerald Twiss on gerot@xtra.co.nz for details.

Roots Magic

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

Next two-monthly meeting will be **Saturday March 16th** at Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm
Keep an eye open for details on

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

\$3 door fee. to cover rental/refreshments
Come and share your experiences, tips and techniques.

Information for new members

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

Daytime meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month from Jan. to November.

Next meetings

Tuesday January 22nd 7:00pm: supper
7:30pm: meeting starts.

Wednesday January 23rd 1.30: meet and mingle
2 - 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: L – P

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

Welcome back to Terry Kennaway.

If you are a new member and have not been to a Branch evening meeting, please make yourself known to Donna on the entrance table.

Help with Research

Our help sessions on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparaumu Library 10-12am and on the first Saturday of every month, 1-3pm, will give you individual help around the facilities.

Next Saturday session on **February 2nd** - ring 293 7771 for an appointment. (See page 6)

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 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.

Members need to get the cupboard key from the library Welcome Desk, when you will be asked to show your membership card.

Computer Password at the APFHC

The APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red Computer Help folder in one of the drawers. Keyboards are in the lowest drawer. Please sign the red signing-in book found in the top 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. You are encouraged to use these resources as often as you need.

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 research sessions

If you are unable to get to the public help sessions on Wednesday morning or need help in a particular area, we have arranged more research assistance for members on the first Saturday of each month - next session is **2nd February, 1-3pm**. 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 evening meetings:

4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

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

Venue: Kapiti Community
Centre,

15 Ngahina St,

Paraparaumu

Daytime meeting:

4th Wednesday, Jan - Nov

Branch Committee

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Membership

We are now accepting renewals, and new memberships, for the 2019 - 20 year. These are not actually due until 31st March, but please be kind to the Treasurer/Membership Secretary and spread the workload.

Still a bargain at \$25 for the year April to March.

Bank account for internet banking payments: BNZ
02-0591-0040791-000

Further details at

<http://www.kapitigen.org/2019/01/membership-renewals-for-the-20192020-year/>

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Trip organiser: Kathy Callaghan

Equipment Support:

Lindsay Olsen. Backup Lorna

Catering: Judy Olsen

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Schools liaison: Bill McKeich

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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

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Next meeting
February 26th 2019

What's new on Family Search
Speaker: Jenny Martin