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Groups, and
any late

Editorial



Spring is upon us once again, reminding us that genealogy involves cleaning and tidying, not just collecting. Have you got your backup and disaster recovery plan sorted?

For those who went down to Cyndi Ingles' recent talk, she gave us a timely reminder of what is involved. Everyone approaches this dilemma differently, and my personal solution involves synchronizing my complete Family folder on Google Drive (17GB of free storage), and backing everything up regularly on a portable hard drive. Eventually I will ensure that all of my photographs are also copied to Google Photos (free storage, albeit at reduced image quality).

We are very lucky to have Kathy Callaghan as our trip organizer, and she has had two recent trips: the Wellington City Council Archives, and the Salvation Army

Heritage Centre and Archives in Trentham. Both tours were enjoyable and informative. You can read about them on pages 3 and 4. Well done Kathy!

The Salvation Army Heritage Centre and Archives has ended up being the first port of call for one of our Brickwalls from the July meeting. Brian Tester's unproven family tree included a great-aunt who had become an officer in the Salvation Army. The Archives include not only the complete run of War Cry, but also personnel records. We eagerly await what they can turn up. See page 4!

This month's evening talk is part genealogy and part natural history. Come along and enjoy Shona's talk – and she will have copies of her book available at \$40 each.

Ian Brooking

Next meeting
Tuesday September
24th

Shona Riddell
'Trial of Strength'

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September Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: Tuesday September 24th 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

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

What: Shona Riddell. Author of 'Trial of Strength'

Shona Riddell is the great-great granddaughter of Harriet Cripps, who was born to two British colonists on the remote Auckland Islands in 1851.



TRIAL OF STRENGTH
Adventures and Misadventures on the Wild and Remote Subantarctic Islands
SHONA RIDDELL



Convenor: Ian Barbour

Supper roster: A – E

Daytime meeting.

When: Wednesday September 25th 1.30 – 4pm
2 - 4pm - meeting

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

What: Finding your European ancestors. Followed by the usual discussion and research session.

Co-ordinator: Sonia Coom

Branch news

Do Pay us a visit!

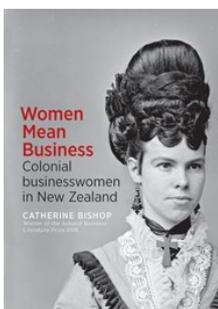
Kapiti Genealogy have a stall at this year's **All Ages On The Go Expo** on Saturday **21st September** 10am to 3pm. at the Waikanae Memorial Hall.

If you missed the call for help and would like to be involved, contact Colin Cameron on Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org

Getting Started with Genealogy" at the Palmerston North City Library

All are welcome. Starts October 4th. See page 5 for the flier with details of how to register.

The **Roots Magic** meeting scheduled for 21st September has been cancelled.



Dr Catherine Bishop is launching her new book, *Women mean business*, on **October 1st** at the Otaki Historical Society, Rotary Lounge, corner Iti & Aoraki Streets

Catherine would like to contact one of our members - Marijke Bullians - because she might be related to someone in the book.

Catherine's email address is catherine.bishop@mq.edu.au

Our DNA expert, **Lorna Henderson**, is currently having a spell in Hutt Hospital. Days in hospital can be interminably long and Lorna does not have her usual laptop to keep her amused, so if you happen to be in the Hutt with an hour to spare, do call in and say 'hello'.

We are thinking of you Lorna and looking forward to having you back and active in Kapiti Genealogy.

Wellington City Council Archives Tour

A group of 14 had a very successful tour of WCC Archives on Aug 20th. As I have absolutely no Wellington connections, I must admit to not being overly excited at the thought of old Rate Books and Council Minute Books. However, what a surprise it was for me to hear what is actually held in these Archives! It was far from my preconceived ideas.

The WCC Archives have been established for about 20 years and it has been hard work by dedicated archivists to convince important people in the Wellington area, and others (like me), of the importance of their collection. They currently receive on average 1,000 requests a month for look ups or viewing.

Not only do they hold Wellington City Council records, but also those from various museums in Wellington, including the maritime Museum and the Carter Observatory. Their collection holds extensive records for the Union Steamship Company.

They hold records for performing arts groups, such as the Wellington Competition Society, who held a yearly concert for many years until the 1970's. Due to earthquake strengthening of some buildings around Wellington, they are also holding historical papers such as every Program for every concert that was performed in the St. James Theatre. These are available for viewing. There are also art works from the Town Hall, including photos of Mayors and councillors throughout the years.

Of the more traditional records held, there are thousands of Rate Books, Property Records, Resource Consents and Permits, dating as far back as 1842. We saw some very amusing letters to the Council from 100 years ago where residents were complaining about children making too much noise in the playgrounds and the grass being so long that some poor woman was frightened when a man hid in the grass and jumped out at her!

We were shown the Thomas Ward Map, which is a very detailed map of Wellington City and suburbs from around the 1890's. This map is a good base for researching properties. It is now online. In addition, a detailed sexton's map of the Bolton Cemetery was recently found, which shows many previously unknown grave positions. This too is online.

Digitalisation is happening at a rapid rate and records are regularly being digitised. Only 20% of records are currently online, so a visit is still the best way of accessing records. You can contact WCC Archives any time and they will look things up for you or find the appropriate 'box' and you can search through it yourself. There is a huge collection of books of old Wellington photos which you are permitted to view (most are not yet available online), so definitely worth a look at these. There are some records from Kapiti, but most only go as far north as Tawa. Kapiti records were donated to the Otaki Historical Society, who care for these records.

Check out their website archivesonline.wcc.govt.nz for more information.

Kathy Callaghan

Arolsen Archives

International Centre on Nazi Persecution.

Contains an Index of persons, registrations and files of displaced persons, children and missing persons

There is a name-searchable area of pictures of original personal effects of concentration camp inmates. I found a lapel pin with a photo of a relation. For most, it was a wedding band or a watch.

<https://digitalcollections.its-arolsen.org/01020905>

Deborah Shuker

Tour of the Salvation Army Archives, Trentham

Kathy's second tour was another 'first time' visit for all of us.

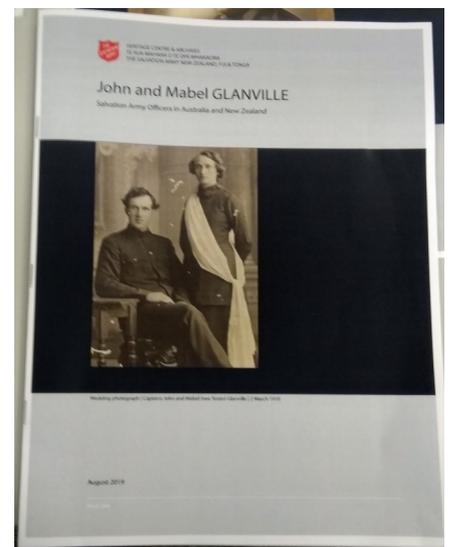
The Salvation Army Heritage Centre and Archives is situated in the Booth College of Mission (Training College) in Trentham, and houses the archives from New Zealand, Tonga, Fiji and Samoa.

Sharon Burton, the Territorial Archivist, introduced us to the archives' diverse range of holdings which includes everything from the band master's cornet from the first Corp in New Zealand (Dunedin, 1883), photographs and uniforms, through to personnel records. It is the latter which is of most interest to us as genealogists, and the collection is quite detailed.

Career cards summarise a person's progression through the Army, giving dates, places of appointment and usually include a photograph; a Form of Appointment is held, which is a bit like a WWI Attestation form with similar details; accompanying this Form, there is often a personal testament, describing why they want to be an officer. Together with Training Records, the annual Disposition of Forces, and individual Corps histories which include births, marriages and deaths, and the complete series of the War Cry newspaper, these records enable a complete and reasonably personal picture to be built up for an individual officer.

In fact, the Archives staff provide such a service on request (donations are welcomed), producing a booklet summarising the details they discover. If you want to use this service, send your request to archives@salvationarmy.org.nz.

Brian Tester was one very happy tour member when he found that a booklet had already been produced for his great-aunt, as a result of another family member's inquiry! (See right)



Below: The group enjoying a warm welcome.

Sharon Burton in the navy/white spotted dress.

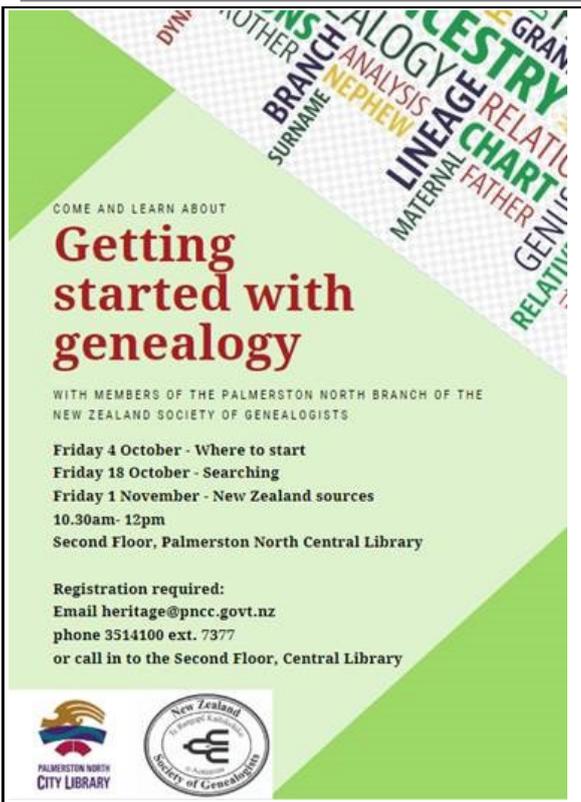


Thank you Kathy for organising our visit to this unique and interesting archive, and thank you Sharon for bringing the records to life for us so enthusiastically (and organising the welcoming scones and tea!).

Ian Brooking

Genealogy Course

New Records to Search



COME AND LEARN ABOUT

Getting started with genealogy

WITH MEMBERS OF THE PALMERSTON NORTH BRANCH OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

Friday 4 October - Where to start
Friday 18 October - Searching
Friday 1 November - New Zealand sources
10.30am - 12pm
Second Floor, Palmerston North Central Library

Registration required:
Email heritage@pncc.govt.nz
phone 3514100 ext. 7377
or call in to the Second Floor, Central Library




New Searchable Headstones

The Genealogist has just released nearly 60,000 new individuals on Headstones from another 61 churchyards and cemeteries. This means that now a total of over 174,500 individuals are fully searchable in their Headstone collection which has examples from across England, Scotland and Wales as well as Jersey in the Channel Islands, Cyprus and India.

Latest additions to Newspapers (May 2019):

From PapersPast (<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers>)

[Bay of Plenty Beacon](#) (1946-1950)

[Feilding Star](#) (1921-1924)

[Franklin Times](#) (1921-1933)

[Hutt News](#) (1946-1948)

[King Country Chronicle](#) (1921-1939)

[Shannon News](#) (Jun 1921-1929)

[Thames Star](#) (1921-1938)

[Waipa Post](#) (Apr 1911-1935)

Wills and probates 1858-present

The cost of a copy of a Will and Probate in England and Wales from 1858 to the present has plummeted from £10.00 to £1.50. <https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#wills>

In the Help section it confirms the above post (which I spotted on a facebook group)

How to pay for your copy grant or will

The fee for each copy request is £1.50 to download (the £1.50 charge is required by law for the release of public documents). You will receive a copy of the grant of representation and the will if there is one. You can pay online using a debit or credit card. If you are unable to pay with a credit or debit card, then you can download form PAIS from <https://www.gov.uk/wills-probate-inheritance/searching-for-probate-records>. The form will have an address to send it to, together with your cheque. This service will take 4 weeks.

You need a surname and year of death, but can go previous /next to search around the specified year once you have your results.

Lorna Henderson

Round Robins

The two magazines for Round Robin circulation are 'Family Tree' and 'Who Do You Think You Are?' The fees are \$15 for each magazine for the year from July.

Please let Bev Chappell know at RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org if you wish to be on the circulation list. Further details on our website under [Resources > Round Robins](#).

Every issue has some really interesting articles, so this is a really good way of keeping up with the latest news and having access to new ideas, views and websites, without having to subscribe to the magazines.

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

Waikanae Baptist Church Cafe, 286, Te Moana Rd, Waikanae

All Kapiti Branch events are in the [programme](#) on our website on the calendar.

Monthly evening meeting: Tuesday 24th September, 7-9pm - details of meetings on page 2

Daytime meeting: Wednesday 25th 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.

Saturday 5th October: Members help session, 1- 3pm, APFHC. **By appointment only.**

This is a great opportunity to get one-on-one help. Please pre-book a slot by phoning Ian on 298 8371.

Tuesday 1 October: Book launch by Catherine Bishop. 7.30 pm, Otaki Historical Society, Rotary Lounge, corner Iiti & Aoraki Streets See <https://catherinebishop.wixsite.com/history> for details.

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

Tuesday 8th October: Irish interest group. 2 - 4pm, APFHC

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

Saturday 12th October: DNA Interest Group. Waikanae Baptist Church, 286, Te Moana Road. 2 - 4pm.

Saturday 26th October: NZ Kapiti Legacy users group, Kapiti Community Centre, 1- 4pm.

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

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to November.

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

DNA

Next meeting **Saturday 12th October, 2-4pm** at Waikanae Baptist Church Café, 286 Te Moana Rd. \$3 door charge.

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

Our August meeting had the usual mix of Q&A. We only had time for the DNAGedCom clustering tool, so may continue this overall topic in a future session.

Q. Which is better more segments or total shared?

A. Generally total shared, but if largest segment is small anyway the match could be quite distant

Q. What size matches do you bother with?

A. Definitely it depends, on most of the factors listed, even quite large segments, say 40+, may never be figured out; 20 cm segments could take a long time to solve but that 12cm one you were going to ignore might be a vital clue, so "it depends"

Legacy Users

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

Next meeting **Saturday 26th October, 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.

Irish

Next meeting **Tuesday 8th October, 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 will be **Saturday 16th November, 2-4pm** at Kapiti Community Centre. \$3 door fee. to cover rental/refreshments

Come and share your experiences, tips and techniques.

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

Information for new members

Branch meetings:

Evening meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from January to November.

Daytime meeting is on the following day, the fourth Wednesday from Jan. to November.

Coming up.

Tuesday September 24th 7:00pm: supper
7:30pm: meeting starts

Wednesday Sept. 25th 1.30pm: meet and mingle
2 - 4pm: meeting

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.

Evening meeting upper roster: A – E

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

We welcome new members:

Peter McCabe and Neville Queree.

If you are a new member or have not previously attended an 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 assist you to make the most of our facilities.

Saturday's are by appointment only. If you need individual help phone Ian on 298 8371 to book a session.

If you are new to genealogy, go to <https://www.genealogy.org.nz/> and click on the 'Getting it Right' logo. These free resources are an ideal starting point. Each resource consists of a video and a set of notes. You can pick and choose what you learn or you can start from the beginning and work your way through.

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.

You will need the new **pink** card for the year 2019-20.

Computer Password at the APFHC

The APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red Computer Help folder in the top drawer. 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.

Website

Log in and explore, update your details and find information on our user groups.

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> gives full details of all meetings in the calendar and is easy to negotiate.

Should any member wish to have their research interests published in the newsletter to contact others, please complete the Members Interests form in the Members Only section of our website <http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/members-only/#introduce> . You will have to log in to do so. Instructions for logging in are available at <http://www.kapitigen.org/2012/07/logging-in/>



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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.

Membership

New members always welcome.
 A bargain at \$25 for the year to 31st March 2020.
 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

To access our resources at the Paraparaumu Library use your **pink** membership card.
 Further details at <http://www.kapitigen.org/2019/01/>

Next meeting
 October 22nd

Genealogy on the cheap
 Doug Miller