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Groups, and  
any late  
changes.

## Editorial



Great news! We are back!  
The Branch Daytime meeting on June 24th will be at the same time and place as usual. The Evening meeting on June 23rd has a change of venue to the lounge at the Coast Community Church on Hinemoa Road - map on page 5. From the traffic lights at Paraparamumu, take the road over the railway line and turn first left. From Waikanae, take the turning on the left as you approach the bridge over the railway. The Church is easily accessible and there's plenty of parking. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Also this month there are a couple of requests for help from overseas on pages 3 and 4. It seems we are not the only ones taking advantage of the lockdown to do some research.

I was a bit disappointed to receive only two competition entries. Have you discovered something that would make a good story in the last three months?

If so, please come and share it at one of our Branch meetings next week. It will be good to see everyone again and catch up on the news.

I have not been idle, but every answer seems to bring up lots more questions. My husband keeps asking if I've finished his family history yet? This is in Ireland with large families and many migrations all over the world. It's hard to explain that there's no end to infinity!

If you are able to attend either the Evening or Daytime meeting, please read the list of precautions under Branch News on page 2. It's the least we can do to continue the safe practices developed over the last few weeks. In the meantime, enjoy the freedom to return to the APFHC to do some research. Keep well and stay safe.

*Sheila*

Next monthly meetings:  
Tuesday evening  
23rd June and  
Wednesday afternoon  
24th June.  
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## June Branch Meetings

### Evening meeting.

**When: Tuesday June 23rd**

7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.

7.30 - 9pm, main session.

**Where: Coastal Community Church,** HinemoaStreet. Paraparaumu (See map on page 5)

**What: Welcome back!** What have you been doing for the past three months?

Come and share your finds. - a family story, a new technique, a cousin you didn't know existed. 'We're all in this together!'

**Convenor:** Ian Barbour

**Supper roster: F- K**

### Daytime meeting

**When: Wednesday June 24th**

1.30 – 4pm

2 - 4pm - meeting

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



**What:** A social get together and if you are nervous about social distancing still, please don't be embarrassed. Feel free to bring your own face mask. Come along and share your Covid-19 stories / research ideas you've found / gain tips for block walls you may have found.

Please see below for advice on the use of the premises.

**Co-ordinator:** Sonia Coom

## Branch news

### **AGM - To be held on July 28th. Venue to be confirmed.**

The agenda for the AGM will be in the July newsletter but is on the website already, with a link to the rules governing our branch and nomination forms for the positions of Convenor, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee members. <http://www.kapitigen.org/2020/05/2020-agm-agendanomination-forms/>  
Please forward completed nomination forms to our Secretary.

### **Welcome to new members Leonie Harris and Paul Veltman.**

We look forward to meeting you and hearing of your research interests. Our Branch meetings are going ahead this month. Do make yourself know to us if you are able to come.

### **Daytime meeting: Request from the Waianae Church on use of the café.**

(I assume the same will apply to the Coastal Community Church.)

“When using the building, please can we ask your group to follow the level 1 advice set out by the Ministry of Health, in particular”:

If you or anyone in your group is sick, please stay home.

We encourage you to provide hand sanitizer for your group.

Sneeze and cough into your elbow.

Please clean all areas used by your group, ensuring you use disinfectant spray (provided) on surfaces i.e. tables, kitchen bench & surfaces, door handles etc.

The Ministry of Health QR Code is displayed in the church entrance ways for contact tracing.

Sincere condolences to our former Branch Secretary, Sandy White, on the death of her husband Terry on May 21st. Our thoughts are with you, Sandy.

## In the Footsteps of our Ancestors

**Here's a bit of fun** – follow in the footsteps of your ancestors over the millennia, on the website: [scaledinnovation.com/gg/snpTracker.html](https://scaledinnovation.com/gg/snpTracker.html)

If you have completed a Y chromosome test, enter your Terminal SNP, or Haplogroup, in the box above the map. Mine is R-Y136585. Click on the three bars to the right-hand side, and check the boxes you want, eg Show the walking man, etc. Click on the long arrow to the left of Map Options, and follow the wee man walking the trail your ancestors walked.

Explore the tabs above the map. Fascinating!

It seems my story starts in Northern Africa, not too far from Timbuktu, over 240,000 years ago... give or take. By following the markers our YDNA has left along the way, from this starting point we swung down into Central Africa and crossed the River Nile somewhere north of Lake Victoria, then headed north-east through Ethiopia to cross the Red Sea into Arabia. Continuing north, we hit the Gulf not far from present-day Abu Dhabi, and followed the Gulf coast north-westward, crossing the Tigris and Euphrates rivers into Asia, and swung east in a massive loop that took us out as far as Mongolia and its border with Russia, before taking a major change in direction and coming back westward to the Caspian Sea. Around the southern coastline we travelled and up the western side with the Black Sea further to our west.

We're not in a hurry... we're travelling at about 1 or 2 miles a year, give or take... over thousands of years, and at this point in our journey we're about 20,000 years before the present.

But already we're beginning to recognise some of our more prominent ancestor's names – ones that keep appearing in our genetic families, our haplotrees. There's mister

R-M207, later R-M343, then well-known R-M269 who lived about 13,000 years ago.

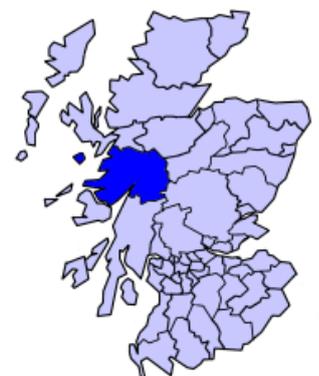
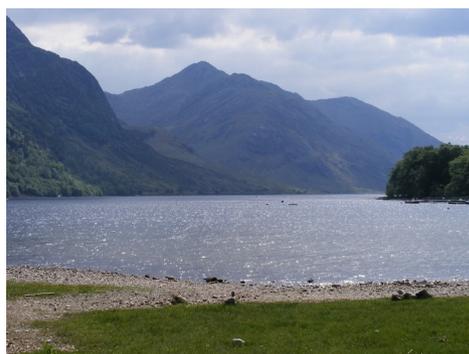
By now our migration has taken us to where Stalingrad sits today, we cross the Volga river and make our way down to the northern shores of the Black Sea, find ourselves in the Danube river valley which we follow westwards for over 1000 miles through middle Europe. As we approach the English Channel mister R-L21 appears.

Crossing the English Channel would have been quite an adventure back in the day, but cross it we did, and up through England we came, before arriving in the lands around Lochaber in the Western Highlands of Scotland. Here we welcome in the Bronze Age, 4000 years ago, and our famous ancestor R-MC14 appears on the scene. Lochaber became our ancestral home, where we lived through the Medieval period, helped in the creation of the surname system from which our Cameron name evolved, along with the formation of the clan system and our own Clan Cameron. Mister R-A6138 is the man we identify as being the genetic ancestor of the clan.

Genetic genealogy and conventional genealogy are now meeting and blending – where Terminal SNPs from our DNA tests are matching ancestors we already know from our family trees, and history.

And still we journey on.

Colin Cameron



Apologies Colin. Couldn't resist the cartoon. Ed.

## Properties and maps in NZ

How many of you have looked at Open Street Map lately for a New Zealand address?

Recently I was checking out my grandparent's house, wanting the Latitude/Longitude values to pop into my genealogy program.

I gave up on Google maps which wasn't behaving as easily for me as it used to - no doubt user error. I decided to try Open Street Map (<http://openstreetmap.org>) and was surprised to see that when I keyed in the exact address and clicked on the House link, that the information shown included a Linz address\_id (which I've not yet investigated the usefulness of but suspect will ease my obtaining historical title information).

At the same time I'd posted a picture of the house onto a private Facebook group for my home town / area.

The picture was from the 1920s when my grandparents (and my father and aunt) moved to the town. So far I've learnt who helped granddad build the extension onto the back of the old villa, who bought the house from my parents (after they'd been renting it beforehand) and exactly when my parents built their retirement home on the subdivided section, along with who did it for them.

Also how much it is currently on the market for with real estate photos of the current interior, including the old tiled fireplace I remember from my childhood.

Another property related snippet:

Those of us watching David Lomas Investigates (TV3 Tuesday evenings <https://www.threenow.co.nz/shows/david-lomas-investigates/S2211-399>) will have seen him searching Terranet (<http://terranet.co.nz>) for any hints as to properties owned by the person being researched.

Registration is free and by registering you can search by owner or address ++

*Lorna Henderson*

## Request from Scotland

Message from Pamela Jeans

Having quickly bored of cleaning drawers and cupboards during this lockdown period I have been looking again at various parts of my family history researches.

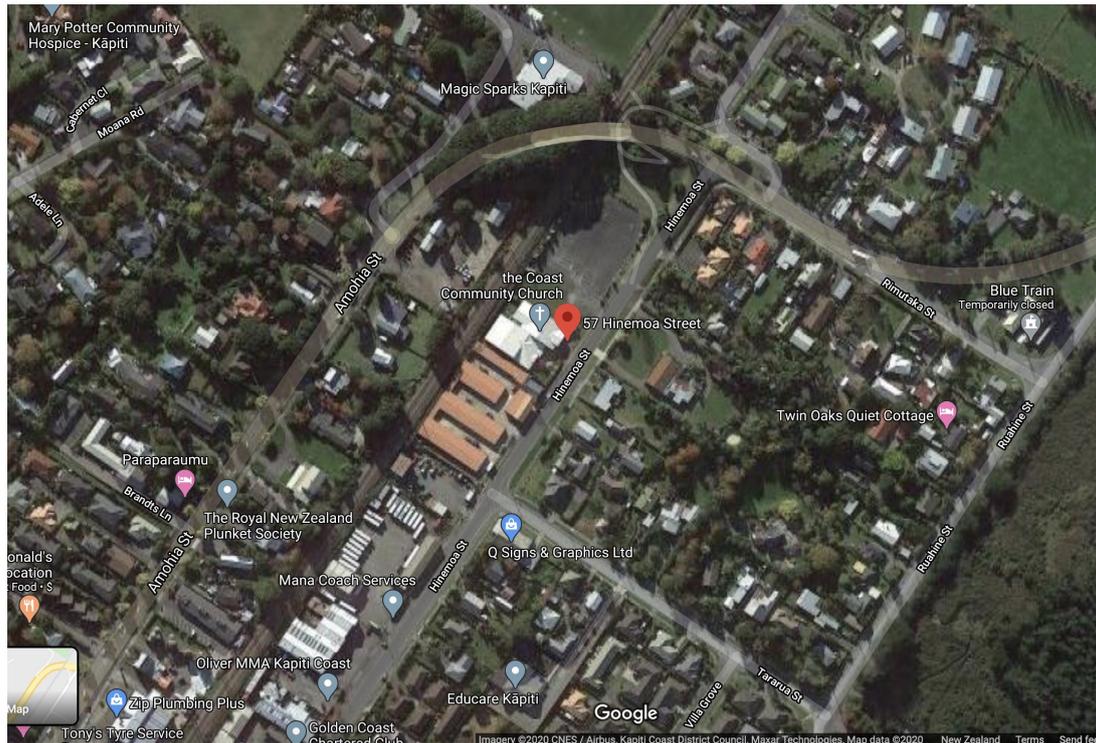
Presently I am looking at the story of Peter Stuart Grant, his mother Ann (nee Black) and her daughter, Jane Black, born in Inveravon Parish, Banffshire, Scotland on 18 January 1869. Jane Black married Robert Glass, a baker, in Edinburgh and went on to have 5 children, one of whom was given the wonderful first names of Grant Iverach. Through the website Billion Graves I discovered that this gentleman is commemorated on a plaque in Paraparaumu Cemetery.

In January 2017 on a rather damp Sunday morning I was able to visit this site while on a trip to New Zealand with my husband. Unfortunately my discovery of this information just a few weeks before we left on our trip prevented me from pursuing matters further at that time and, of course, when we got back home to Scotland other matters always seemed to take over - until now.

I do not know if you have a Register of Members Interests but if you have anyone interested in the surname Glass and who might recognise these few details I would be thrilled to hear from them and willingly share the story of their Scottish ancestry.

With very best wishes to you all at Kapiti Branch from Pamela Jeans of Elgin, Morayshire, Scotland, a member of the Aberdeen and North East Scotland Family History Society

## Map of Venue for Evening Meeting



## Italian or Irish interests?

**IrelandXO Insight - Irish Surnames 101** - Courtesy of Bernard McManus

**Cén sloinne atá ort? What's your surname?**

The Macs, the Os and the MacDermottros. What do you do when a name that *should* appear on a family history record from Ireland can't be found? You've tried every spelling variation under the Irish sun short of "Rumpelstiltskin". You've even tried dropping or adding an O' and a Mac or Mc and still no luck.

Irish surnames have a way of getting us stuck at a crossroads, much like our infamous road signage. And therein lies the clue: bilingualism ...

<https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/irelandxo-insight-irish-surnames-101>

Is there anybody here researching Italian and Sicilian Roots. Try this link and see if it is helpful for you. - Courtesy of Donna Bridgeman.

<https://www.italiangenealogy.blog/italian-and-sicilian-roots-research/>

## Request from America

Message from Roger Rasmussen, Eugene, Oregon

I am working to help my grandsons find more about the man and wife who adopted their Great Grandmother about 1923. His name was Philip Reginald Webber. He was born in England and immigrated in 1912. For years he ran food and bakery shops in the Day's Bay area. His wife was Dorothy Elizabeth (maiden name unknown). Their adopted daughter, Roma Webber, married a US Marine about 1943. We would like to be able to find out more about this family.

Thank you very much.

Roger

**If you are willing to help Roger, please contact him directly at [rnkrasmussen@comcast.net](mailto:rnkrasmussen@comcast.net)**

## Branch information

### 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

### Branch meetings:

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

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

Details of this month's Branch meetings are on  
page 2. Attendance is free to members of the Branch,  
Visitors \$3 to help cover expenses.

**Committee meetings** are held on the 1st  
Wednesday afternoon of the month.

### Evening meeting supper roster:

If your surname starts with the letters **F - K** Judy Olsen  
would appreciate your assistance, especially with the  
extra precautions needed. (Don't worry - we use the  
dishwasher provided!)

### 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 Lorna on 293 7771 to book a  
session.

### Facilities at the Alison Procter Family History Centre

The APFHC is located at Paraparaumu Library .  
Turn right inside the library entrance to the  
area containing 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 for the current year.

### 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.  
You are encouraged to use these resources as often  
as you need including 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.

### All Kapiti Branch events are in the programme on our website, on the calendar.

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.

## Round Robins - renewal coming up

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. A worthwhile investment!

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

## Help sessions

The Saturday Help Session is back. **Saturday 4th July, 1-3pm, at APFHC.** By appointment only. Please phone Lorna beforehand on 293 7771 to arrange a time slot.

In addition to the regular help session in the APFHC on Wednesday mornings. 10-12am, you are still able to access the **virtual help session** on **Wednesdays between 1 and 3pm** while we have our Zoom subscription. Registration is required for a slot to be assigned to you, Contact Lorna on 293 7771 or go to [http://www.kapitigen.org/contact\\_us/](http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/) to arrange a help session. The ability to share our respective screens during these sessions makes it relatively easy to guide you to answers for your burning questions. Briefly describe what you want help with, and if you can't wait 'til Wednesday we may even be able to arrange a more suitable time slot for you.

## Interest Groups

### Australian

Usually second Thursday of every month from February to November.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 9th July, 10-12noon** at APFHC, for help with Australian research. Check <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> for changes. Unlikely to take place.

### Irish

Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 14th July, 2-4pm.** APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

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

### DNA

Next meeting is on **Saturday 8th August, 1.30-4pm.** Waikane Baptist Church Café,  
286, Te Moana Road, Waikanae.

Our June meeting was held online, and we expect to return to a physical meeting for August, possibly trialling a dual session with Zoom active at the same time for those unable to attend.

Latest DNA news includes a new version of the WATO tool - you can now import a GEDCOM instead of creating a file manually, amongst other additions.

<https://thednageek.com/a-major-update-to-what-are-the-odds/>

Keep an eye on our web page for any updates or to contact us <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>

### Online Trees/software.

Next scheduled session **Saturday 27th June, 1.45-3.45pm.** We expect to be back in the Paraparaumu Library meeting room for this session, or online if the room is unavailable.

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/online-trees-their-companion-software-programs/>

These sessions are designed to show you options for sharing your tree online eg. as cousin bait, and to aid your record searches.

<http://FamilySearch.org> is a must use site for genealogy, free, and offering both sources galore AND an online family tree. It is the latter that is the topic for this session.

### Roots Magic

For those using Rootsmagic for their family history.

Next meeting will be on **Saturday 18th July, 2-4pm** either at the Kapiti Community Centre or via Zoom, depending on venue availability. For more information and any last minute changes, go to <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic/>



### **Branch Officers**

**Convener:** Ian Barbour  
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### **Branch responsibilities**

**Membership:**  
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### **Programme & Activities:**

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 Denice Mc Carten

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Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

**Meeting registrar:** Donna Bridgeman

**Sound System:** Ian Brooking

**Member:** Gerard Denton

### **Membership**

New members always welcome.  
 A bargain at \$25 for the year to 31st March 2021.  
 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 cream membership card.  
 Further details at [http://www.kapitigen.org/2020/01/  
 membership-for-the-202021-year/](http://www.kapitigen.org/2020/01/membership-for-the-202021-year/)

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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

July 28th  
 AGM

Venue to be confirmed