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

## Editorial



The Good News is that our evening meeting on September 28th will go ahead.

Our researchers are ready to wow you with their discoveries on the 'Brickwalls' that we missed last month. So all is not lost.

The bad news is that our daytime meeting has had to be cancelled and the evening scheduled speaker for September is not able to come at Covid level 2.

Please note that our meeting will have to abide by the level 2 guidelines as detailed on page 2.

The tour of the National Library has had to be deferred again. See Kathy's note on page 2.

The highlight for me in this issue is Ian Barbour's story of the Gifted Bible on page 4. The personal research and memories bring family history stories to life.

Another online event is coming up on 12th and 13th of November., see page 5. I'd be really interested to hear the experiences of anyone who took part in the one last year. It seems such a good opportunity to

listen to speakers that you would have no chance of hearing otherwise.

If you are trying to unravel ancestors in Ireland, do subscribe to 'Ireland Reaching Out', see page 5. They have a message board where you can contact researchers living in the same area as your ancestors.

I have to admit that my research has taken a back seat this month. I have an interesting, totally unrelated, book on the go that has 900 pages.

So I'm hoping that the stimulation of hearing brickwalls crumbling will get me going again.

See you at the Brickwall session next week.

*Sheila*

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Meetings this month:  
Tuesday evening  
September 28th  
**BRICKWALLS!**

Wednesday afternoon  
September 29th  
**CANCELLED**

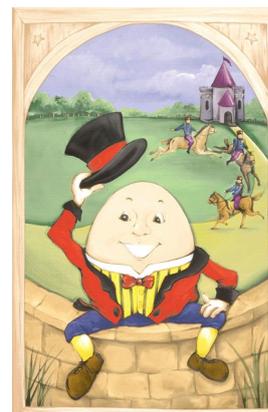
## September Branch Meetings

### Evening meeting.

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

**Where: Coast Community Church** 57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

**What: BRICKWALLS**  
Come and see how well we've done chipping away at Brickwalls supplied by members.  
A learning opportunity for all!



**Convenor:** Ian Barbour

**Supper roster:** Sorry no supper tonight. **BYO** individual refreshment if required

### Daytime meeting

**When: Wednesday September 28th** 1.30 – 4pm  
2 - 4pm - meeting

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

**What: CANCELLED**

## Branch news

**Next evening meeting.** Please note that we will have to observe Covid restrictions, so will be unable to have tea and coffee available. We will arrange seating to social distancing guidelines as far as possible, ask people to sign in and to please remember to bring a mask.

**National Library Tour.** - It's been a frustrating year trying to organise tours this year. Some places are not offering them at all. Social distancing requirements make group tours impractical. We'll try (for the 3rd time this year!) to organise a National Library Tour once we are back in Covid level 1.  
*Kathy Callaghan*



**Bought in error** - a pack of 2 Brother black ink cartridges, LC37BK.  
If anyone wants these, a donation to Kapiti Genealogy will secure them.

Contact Noeline Wagener at - [noelinewagener@outlook.com](mailto:noelinewagener@outlook.com)

### NZSG Update

Currently NZSG are working on a plan for the future of the Society, which will be circulated to NZSG members in due course.

They are consulting widely to ensure NZSG is a valued and sustainable organisation.

## Auckland City Archives

Auckland City Archives have put out a comprehensive e-newsletter, Issue 20, September 2021. If anyone has an interest in these archives it makes worth while reading. Just Google Auckland Council and search for archives. You might have to ask them for a PDF copy.

The newsletter contains maps, old photos of city councillors, details of constructions going back to 1915 and many more interesting features.

## The village of the damned

Eyam plague: The village of the damned [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-35064071](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-35064071)

Echoes of the Past. From 1666 to now the plan is isolate, stay at home, keep in your bubble. Hooray for the internet to keep us connected to family, friends and the world plus genealogy resources.

This reference comes from Deborah Shuker and is an interesting account of how the plague of 1666 got into the Derbyshire village of Eyam and the dire consequences on the residents. It certainly rings some bells about recent world events.

Thanks, Deborah.

## FindMyPast Voucher



**20% off Findmypast.com.au Pro Subscription**

To activate your subscription, please visit [www.findmypast.com.au/voucher](http://www.findmypast.com.au/voucher) and enter your unique voucher code: FOFMPMG21 before 31/12/2021

You will then have the option to create a new registration, or to log in with an existing account. If you have any problems, please contact our Customer Support team via email [support@findmypast.com](mailto:support@findmypast.com) or call +44 (0)20 3326 6300

Jenny Martin was sent this voucher recently with the following message and has passed it on for anyone's use.

*I'm a Findmypast ambassador and have a voucher code for a subscription discount on a Pro (world) sub through [findmypast.com.au](http://findmypast.com.au) - it's available to new and existing subscribers until the end of the year, and you're welcome to share it freely.*

Code: FOFMPMG21

FindMyPast is offering free searches in conjunction with the British Library

*"Discover your family's amazing past for free at Findmypast. Delve into millions of free newspaper pages, free census records, free parish registers and free military records online today. of newspaper archives"*

Jenny Martin is sounding a note of caution. "The Free records" are offered as a tempter to taking out a subscription. If you decide to subscribe then use the UK site as we do not pay Vat as we don't live in the UK. This is considerably less than local sites but to see all, you will need to subscribe to "The World". Please compare prices before you subscribe.

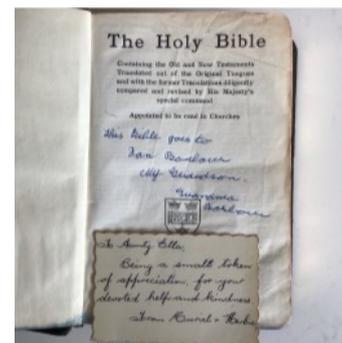
*Jenny Martin*

**1870 -71 NZ Electoral Roll** on microfiche in our APFHC library.

The central Otago rolls have many miners still hoping for the big pay dirt. The description of their dwellings is wonderful. Calico, Wood, sod, thatch iron all feature.

Many would later have moved on to other parts of New Zealand. Check it out ! All the eligible voters in the country are listed

## The Gifted Bible



Muriel Jane Milne 1912 - 1979

Among our family treasures is a Bible that was handed down to me from my Grandmother, Eliza Barbour (Cockburn), “Gramps”, upon her death. As with all Gramps' items she had labelled it as to who was to get it when she passed away. The Bible still has the label with my name, Ian, on it with kiss. Within the Bible is an undated card with the note *“To Aunty Ella, being a small token of appreciation for all your devoted help and kindness. From Muriel and Herbie”* So what does this all mean to our family?

The first part of my research was to try and work out when the bible would have been purchased in New Zealand. The Bible was printed by the University Press, Oxford but has no printing date. Further research revealed that the period in which the Bible was printed can be identified by the publisher's name, in the case of this Bible, Geoffrey Cumberlege. Cumberlege was the publisher at Oxford University press from 1945 to 1956. It is recorded that *“Cumberlege's most significant publishing achievement was, jointly with the Cambridge University Press, to organise and produce a New English Bible”* It can therefore be concluded that this Bible would have been available in New Zealand during the 1950's.

So what family event could Muriel and Herbie have experienced and have been so grateful for the devoted help and kindness Gramps gave during this period? Muriel Milne (b 1912) was Gramps' (b 1895) niece and lived in Lawrence, Otago.

As a young boy, in the late 50's, I can remember my family often calling to see Muriel when we travelled through Lawrence on some of our trips from Roxburgh, where we lived, to Dunedin. Clearly the Aunty/Niece relationship was a close one. Herbie Milne (b 1915) was Muriel's brother. Muriel and Herbie were the only two children of William Milne (b 1891) and Margaret Cockburn (b 1893).

While Herbie married and lived in the North Island, Muriel remained unmarried and lived with her parents in Lawrence until they passed away, Margaret on 23rd July 1956, and William only eight months later on 4th March 1957. Muriel was 43 years of age. Was it the trauma and grief that Muriel faced in losing both her parents in such a short period of time, having lived with them all her life, and the support Gramps would have given her, that resulted in the Bible being gifted? *“appreciation for your devoted help and kindness”*.

Gramps, living in Roxburgh with her family, would have been 61 years of age having been widowed for the second time at the start of World War Two. I knew my grandmother, Gramps, as a loving, kind caring family lady and have no doubt that she would have been to the fore in supporting her close niece in her time of need. Muriel passed away 10th April 1979 a spinster and had remained living in the Lawrence Family home all of her life.

Ian Barbour September 2021

*“While we will never be 100% sure this is how this Bible came to be a Barbour Family heirloom the anecdotal evidence along with the enjoyment of doing this research and learning about our family over-whelms any unknown facts and so it becomes true.”*

## The Really Useful Family History Show

COVID-SAFE  
ONLINE EVENT



Next Event **Friday 12th + Saturday 13th November 2021**

### November 12th and 13th.

Something for everyone!

This one is £10 = (\$20 NZ dollars) for registration.

Check out speakers and topics at:

[www.fhf-reallyuseful.com](http://www.fhf-reallyuseful.com)

Another online show with dozens of great speakers and the opportunity to make contact with other genealogists. Do check out the website to see what's on. Details are far too extensive to mention.

## Ireland Reaching Out

For anyone involved in Irish research, the organisation 'Ireland Reaching Out' is a great source of information and contact. It's a volunteer, community based initiative linking the global Irish diaspora with people with origins in Ireland. It's free to subscribe. <https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/message-board>

Vast amounts of Irish people emigrated to Scotland but then travelled on to settle elsewhere. Today an estimated 1.5 million Scottish people can claim to be of Irish descent. Many more Irish people around the world can trace their Irish ancestors *through* Scotland, although there are no longer any connections there.

Scottish genealogical sources can reveal a lot of information about Irish people who may have been passing through, or who made Scotland their home for a while in the 19th Century.

Can you trace your Irish ancestors to Scotland but do not know where in Ireland they came from? Post a message on the **Message Board** and IrelandXO volunteers will do all they can to help you out.

## 'How to' Pop up Zoom Session on October 2nd

**What is a GEDCOM**, why is it of use and how to create one, plus some of the pitfalls?

**At 2pm.** 40 min Members only Zoom "How to.." session

All decent genealogy software offers the ability to create a GEDCOM for use elsewhere, eg to upload an extract of a tree pertinent to a DNA match or to another site for sharing public information online, or transfer to another program that cannot read the original file directly etc.

How to create one, or select just extracted portions depends rather more on which software, or site, you are using.

Register and attend to either contribute or just listen and learn.

Background reading at <https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/GEDCOM>

Further details on these sessions on our website at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/>

Pre-registration required - please reply to your newsletter email or use the 'Contact us' form on our website to register [http://www.kapitigen.org/contact\\_us/](http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/)

## Branch information

### 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 January to November. Attendance is free to members of the Branch, Visitors \$3 to help cover expenses.

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

**Evening meeting supper roster:** Our usual supper will not be available in September due to the Covid level 2 restrictions.

### Help with Research

**Wednesday mornings** 10-12am, at the Paraparaumu Library. Open to the public.

**NB.** Not available at Covid Level 2

**The first Saturday of every month** 1-3pm.

By appointment, for individual assistance.

To book, phone Lorna on 293 7771.

Next session **Saturday October 2nd**

### Monthly pop up 'How to'.

Next session **Saturday October 2nd** at 2pm. Short (40mins) Zoom session.

See page 5 for details.

Members only: visit <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/> to register.

**Pre-registration required** - please reply to your newsletter email or use the *Contact us* form on our website [http://www.kapitigen.org/contact\\_us/](http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/)

## Round Robins

The two magazines for Round Robin circulation are 'Family Tree' and 'Who Do You Think You Are?' Annual fees of \$15 for each magazine are renewed in July.

Bev Chappell has room for new subscribers if you wish to join the circulation list. Contact Bev on

[RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org](mailto:RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org)

Further details on our website under [Resources > Round Robins](#). Every issue has some really interesting articles, so this is a really good way of

### Facilities at the

#### Alison Proctor 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 sign for the key and 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.

Please sign the red signing-in book found in the top drawer.

Keyboards are in the lowest drawer.

Replace the cover on the computer when you leave and lock the keyboard in the cupboard.

All six computers have subscriptions to Ancestry, FindMyPast and access to The Genealogist and Roots Ireland as well as free sites like FamilySearch. (Use your own log-in to FamilySearch).

**NB.** Please do **NOT** sign out of RootsIreland, FindMyPast or TheGenealogist.

A microfiche is available and there are books on a variety of topics which can be borrowed.

Boxes of copies of 'Who do you think you are' and 'Family Tree' are on the shelf. The Paraparaumu library also has copies of 'Family Tree' on their magazine shelves.

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.

## Interest Groups

### DNA

Two-monthly meetings, on the 2nd Saturday of the month, February to October, for those interested in exploring how DNA testing can help their genealogy. **Next meeting Saturday October 9th.** Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria. Doors open 1:30 for **2-4pm** session, \$3 entry please.

If you wish to be added to the DNA group mailing list, please use the Contact link on our web page <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/> . Keep an eye on that page for any updates. Notes from the August session have been sent out to attendees.

### DNA News:

Remember that you should be amused, not amazed, by ANY of your ethnicity ESTIMATES, particularly if your ancestors all came from, the same continent.

Yes Ancestry have updated theirs recently.

<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2021/09/19/not-soup-in-2021-either/>

And another take on ethnicity results, this one from Dr Leah Parkin, The DNA Geek

<https://thednageek.com/ethnicity-schmethnicity/>

### Irish

Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday October 12th, 2-4pm.** APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

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

### Online Trees/software.

Our two-monthly sessions on the main online tree sites will run on the last Saturday of months February through October. Paraparaumu Library meeting room, 9 Iver Trask Place.

Next scheduled OnLine trees session will focus on "**Taking it with you**". No, not to the grave, but on your mobile device, be it mobile phone or tablet. **October 25th 1:45 - 3:45pm.** Doors open 1:30pm. \$3 to cover expenses.

These sessions are designed to show you options for sharing your tree online eg. as cousin bait, and to aid your record searches. Bring along your favourite(s) to share your experience / knowledge.

Any questions? - Someone will be able to help. All welcome. For more information go to

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

### Australian

For help with Australian research. Check <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> for changes.

The Australian SIG meets on the second Thursday of alternate months from February to November.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday November 11th, 10-12noon** at APFHC.

### Roots Magic

For those using Rootsmagic to keep track of their research and record family history.

Two-monthly sessions on 3rd Saturday of the month.

Next session: **Saturday November 20th, Paraparaumu Library Meeting Room,**  
9 Iver Trask Place, Paraparaumu.

Doors open 1.30 pm for **1:45 - 3:45pm** session. \$3 entry fee. All welcome.

Usual Q & A section where you can share hints and tips and ask questions.

Update on progress of the forthcoming version 8. For last minute changes go to:

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



### Branch Officers

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 Treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org

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Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - in the **Who Does What** section

### Email links

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

### Kapiti Genealogy Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre,  
 Ground Floor, North West Corner,  
 Paraparaumu Library  
 Coastal Community Church, 57, Hinemoa Street,  
 Paraparaumu  
 Waikanae Baptist Church Cafe, 286, Te Moana  
 Rd, Waikanae

### Membership

New members always welcome.  
 Still a bargain at \$25 for the year April to March.

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

(We no longer accept cheques - sorry)  
 To access our resources at the Paraparaumu  
 Library use your **blue** membership card.  
 Further details at

<http://www.kapitigen.org/2021/01/renewals-membership-for-the-202122-year/>

Next Evening Meeting  
 October 26th  
 Writing your Family History

Daytime Meeting  
 October 27th