

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

Editorial



St Patrick's Day again. Let's hope the Irish blessing "For every storm a rainbow" holds good for many of the world's people suffering in one way or another.

I would normally consider fund-raising publicity to be unsuitable material for the newsletter, but when several family history organisations get together, they are hard to ignore - particularly when the event is in aid of the Red Cross in Ukraine.

Check out the details of a 24-hour **free online history fest** on page 5. Participants include Fiona Brooker and Michelle Patient, both past presidents of NZSG.

Thanks to Noeline and Deborah for their contributions. It makes such a difference to be able to include original articles. See pages 3 and 4.

Apologies for the late delivery of this newsletter to those of you that noticed. March caught up on me. I hoped that everybody would be too busy chasing up discoveries made at Rootstech!

Did anyone make significant discoveries. If so, I'd love to hear about them.

The Irish Genealogical Conference with the link on page 4 leads you to the Legacy FamilyTree Webinar site where you can find other interesting articles.

So Rootstech is done and dusted, but you can still access the videos of talks for the next twelve months. There was so much covered you couldn't possibly follow everything of interest.

It's disappointing that this month's meetings had to be cancelled. Let's hope life gets back to a more normal routine in April. In the meantime good hunting.

Sheila

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Meetings this month:
Tuesday Evening

CANCELLED
See you in April

Wednesday afternoon

March Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

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

Where: Coast Community Church 57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

What:

CANCELLED

Convenor: Ian Brooking

Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday March 23rd 1.30 – 4pm
2 - 4pm meeting

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

What:

CANCELLED

Co-ordinator: Denice McCarten



Branch news

YOUR DNA GUIDE “The Book” Step by step plans by Daihan Sothard – Value approx. NZ\$80
Donated to the club to raffle to raise funds to cover some costs incurred by Zoom.

Tickets \$2 each. Limited to 40 tickets, will be drawn when all tickets sold. If you would like a ticket please contact Noeline Wagener on ph 04-2125886 or email noelinewagener@outlook.com

Branch History - Don't forget to put in your order for a copy of Clive Palmer's Branch History to ensure we order sufficient from the printer.

There will be a digital version and a small number of hard copies. They will cost less than \$36 each, previously indicated. Please contact Colin on Secretary “at” KapitiGen.org ASAP.

This link is all you need to access the DNA sessions at Rootstech. **Top Ten RootsTech 2022 DNA Sessions + All DNA Session Links** by Roberta Estes.

Some of the topics are listed in DNA News under the DNA Interest Group on page 7.

Thanks to those who have already paid their sub. They are due on April 1st.

Please note the change to \$30 to cover increasing costs. Payment details in the panel on page 8.

Please note!

IMPORTANT

While the current restrictions are in place, all our meeting & interest group attendees are required to show their vaccine passes at the desk on entry.

This helps ensure everyone's safety from this pandemic, whilst continuing life as near normal as we can.

NB. Please note that also applies at the APFHC facilities in the Paraparaumu library whether researching on your own during opening hours or at the session open to the public on Wednesday mornings.

Deaths - but no body!

I was searching for a death certificate for Joseph Seymour as his death by drowning at Omaha (North of Auckland) on 15 April 1867 was reported in the Daily Southern Cross. There is no record in BDM NZ

Joseph's brother William Seymour was also drowned on 22 April 1867 at Mangawhai. His death is recorded in BDM NZ 1867/5.

Discussing this with a friend who is a retired Police Detective he tells me that unless a body was found and an inquest held, the death was not recorded. He sent me the following information. He is not sure when the law changed but thinks it was well into the 1900's

Family History – Death and burial resources | Christchurch City Libraries

Notes

- In colonial New Zealand, death certificates were issued only when there was a body. Accident and murder victims whose bodies were not found had no death certificates.
- Information on a death certificate is usually provided by relatives of the deceased.
- Sometimes information on one certificate will conflict with that on another.
 - A partner may reduce his or her age on a marriage certificate so that it is approximate to that of the spouse. The true age is usually given on a death certificate.
- A person whose spouse had been gone for seven years, could, as a widow or widower, re-marry. The seven-year rule still applies.
- Deaths at sea were registered in the home country. Immigrants who died on the way to New Zealand were recorded in the British Isles or continental Europe.
- In a death entry the slash means the entry is incomplete and not final. A death has been presumed, for example in a drowning, and no body has been recovered. The death may appear in a later year without the slash.
- In peacetime a death certificate is not issued for a New Zealand citizen who dies overseas. Since 1995 however, relatives have been able to pay a fee and have the death recorded in New Zealand by Births, Deaths and Marriages.
 - After 1 January 1988, a death can be searched for on Births, Deaths and Marriages using either a woman's maiden or married name. However the deceased's date of birth must have been at least 80 years ago.

Noeline Wagener

Update on NZSG status

NZSG has initiated a review of the relationship, and accompanying rules, for Interest Groups and Branches.

Ambiguity currently exists in that although branches operate independently, changes may be needed to ensure clarity and that branch assets remain separate from NZSG.

We will be participating.

One outcome could still be that we have our own rules and Charity registration, both of which piggyback on those of NZSG as things stand.

For background information on all of this, please refer to the document sent to you on November 16th 2021 and loaded to our website under the Members Only content, NZSG page, <http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/members-only/nzsg/>)

Online Genealogical Index

Online Genealogical Index <https://ogindex.org>

Genealogical list of record sources by place England, Wales, Isle of Man
e.g. BMD, Banns, Burials, School registers.

Trial

Search: Long Load Somerset gave 19 results

I chose the result "Somerset Banns Index" & searched 1808 +-2 Monckton

Leads to findmypast full transcription of John Monckton & Jemima Hutchings Mge year 1808.

I have a subscription so clicking on the blue link took me there.

If you don't have a sub for Ancestry or findmypast you could look it up on our library computers.

The 19 results for a very small village gave me many sources for research.

The site is easy to use. Try it out.

Deborah

Free online Irish Genealogical conference

This link will lead you to a free online Irish conference in honour of St Patrick's Day, run by FamilyTree Webinars. One of the speakers is John Grenham. Check it out. **Saturday March 26th.**

https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2022/03/treat-yourself-to-a-genealogy-conference-this-saturday.html

Changes at Ancestry

Despite what the Ancestry collection "New Zealand, Electoral Rolls, 1853-1981" says about which rolls are indexed and which browse only, these have all now been indexed (thanks Michelle Patient for the alert).

Certainly a search for Henderson in electoral year 1866 brought up a good many results even though the source info when you scroll down says 1865-66 1866-67 are in the browsable, not indexed category.

If you want to know more about what Ancestry has changed, or is about to, Michelle has a few short videos on the TalkingFamilyHistory YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClqMy9HxIlu8vNvr-zsutPg/playlists>

that will help you find your way around as things change.

Lorna

IrelandXO Guide to Irish Monasteries

Ireland XO's Guide to the Monasteries covers the most visited monasteries in Ireland.

St Enda's Monastery (shown) was founded by St Enda in the 6th Century on the largest of the Aran Islands just off the Galway Coast.

All that remains are two churches, a holy well and the base of a round tower.

It belongs to the earliest phase of Monastic activity in Ireland.



Free 24-hour History Fest

This is from the regional representative for the Guild of One Name Studies, Michelle Patient, a former President of NZSG.

A free 24 hour History fest - online virtual 24 hour marathon (like our old telethons) to raise funds for the Red Cross, will be held on **27th March** from 1am NZDT.

This event was instigated on Twitter by UK based Guild member Natalie Pithers. She now records updates about what the behind-the-scenes team of volunteers are up to and publishes them on YouTube. The **HistoryForUkraine** event will be streamed live from 1am on 27th March 2022.

48 historians around the world have volunteered to talk about history - including family historians from Australia and New Zealand. Fiona Brooker and I (Michelle) are fortunate to have been selected. The programme is yet to be published on the website, which is constantly being updated <https://historyforukraine.co/>. If you are interested you can follow the developments and news about this event on [twitter](#) [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) or [YouTube](#)

Many other family history organisations are supporting this project - including The National Archives UK (TNA), The Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS), Society of Genealogists (SoG), Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG).

Machine Reading Maps

Just think of how much genealogical data is locked up in maps and not accessible without painstaking work, map by map, with all the eye straining that entails.

Have a read of

<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2022/03/07/rumsey-maps-project/>

for a rather exciting application of technology to unlock this info by MRM - Machine Reading Maps.

Lorna

'How to' Monthly Zoom Sessions

Monthly Zoom session: 2nd April at 2pm for 45 minutes.

Why explore *TheGenealogist*?

The Genealogist is on our computers at the APFHC, why? Let's find out. If you have used it, what's your favourite feature?

Pre-registration required. Members only. Free.

Given this is only a 45min session, it would help if you could submit specific questions with your pre-registration.

Please register by replying to your newsletter email or by using the Contact Form on our website selecting the topic "How to". <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/>

You are welcome to register to either contribute or simply listen.



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

Not relevant as meeting cancelled.

Help with Research

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

The first Saturday of every month 1-3pm.

By appointment, for individual assistance.

To book, phone Lorna on 293 7771.

Next session **Saturday April 2nd**

Monthly pop up 'How to'.

Next session **Saturday April 2nd**

at 2pm. Short (45mins) 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/

Round Robins

The two mazines 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"at" 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 keeping up with the latest news.

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

Our next two monthly DNA interest group is **Saturday April 9th, 2-4pm, doors open 1:30**

Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria. for \$3 entrance fee please, **all welcome**, all levels covered - here's hoping it will be in person <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>

Usual format: News, Q&A, Break into groups by either experience, topic or testing company depending on attendees requirements. Reconvene to share anything that came out of the groups.

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.

DNA News

Top DNA sessions from Rootstech 2022

1. Associating Autosomal DNA Segments <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHSCkNnX48>
With Ancestors by Robertra Estes
2. What to Do with Your DNA Test Results in 2022
(part 1 of 3) by Diahn Southard <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FENAKAYLXX4>
3. Who is FamilyTree DNA by Bennett Greenspan <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHFtboatJ-A>
4. What to Do with Your DNA Test Results in 2022
(part 2 of 3) by Diahn Southard <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mllhtONhll>
5. Latest DNA Painter Releases by Jonny Perl <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rpe5LMPNmF0>
6. DNA Painter Introduction by Jonny Perl <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rpe5LMPNmF0>
7. What to Do with Your DNA Test Results in 2022
(part 3 of 3) by Diahn Southard <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hemY5TuLmGI>
8. The Tree of Mankind Age Estimates
by Paul Maier <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjkL8PWAEwk>
9. Extending Time Horizons with DNA
by Rob Spenser <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wppXD1Zz2sQ>

Lorna (See page 4 for link to these and other DNA sessions.)

Irish

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

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

Australian

For help with Australian research. The Australian SIG currently meets on the second Thursday of alternate months from March to November.

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

NB. Check <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> for changes.

RootsMagic

Our next scheduled RootsMagic meeting is on **Saturday 21st May**, Paraparaumu Library Meeting room. Doors open 1:30pm for a 3:45pm finish (library closes at 4pm)

\$3 entrance fee please, **all welcome**, all versions covered.

By now most of you will have explored more of RootsMagic 8 and will be experts, with lots of hints to share, including how not to do x y or z :)

For last minute changes go to: <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic>



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Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - in the **Who Does What** section <http://www.kapitigen.org/home/who-does-what/>

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.

\$30 for the year April 2022 to March 2023.

Please note increase to cover NZSG levy.

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

To access our resources at the Paraparaumu
Library use your current membership card.

Further details at

<http://www.kapitigen.org/2022/02/renewals-memberships-for-the-2022-23-year/>

Next Evening Meeting
Tuesday April 26th

My Family Tree Story
Kevin Thompson

Daytime Meeting
Wednesday April 27th