

# Kapiti Branch

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

## Editorial



*Go Graveyard searching, if you dare!*

At last we seem to be getting back to normal. We look forward to meeting David Hadfield this month as his previous visit had to be postponed.

Kate Jason-Smith and Jan Bolwell treated us last month to a novel and stimulating way of presenting family stories. See page 3 for more.

Kathy has been able to arrange a National Library tour for November 2nd. (see page 2). Do contact Kathy as soon as possible if you wish to go. Its such a great resource to have on our doorstep.

Also on page 2. you will see that sadly (for us), our secretary, Colin Cameron, is leaving to settle in the South Island. His quiet efficiency will be missed by us all.

If you have skills to offer, please come forward to join the committee.

Thanks to those who have contributed to this newsletter.

Please keep it coming. For instance has anyone been researching a skeleton in the cupboard?

Apart from our infamous old grandfather with 16 children of which only 9 were registered and a family grave that harbours "deep secrets", our family hasn't much to offer.

So do look out some interesting tit bits, like Kathy's on page 3, to liven up these pages.

**NB.** Change of day and time for Zoom meeting. Page 5.

Our November meeting will be the usual end-of-year social. This year we have a surprise from one of our members.

Cheers.  
Sheila



**Meetings this month:**  
**Tuesday Evening**  
**October 25th**

**Octavius Hadfield**  
**Speaker, David Hadfield**

**Daytime Meeting**  
**Wednesday afternoon**  
**October 26th**

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## October Branch Meetings

### Evening meeting.

**When:** Tuesday October 25th

7pm - refreshments, meet and greet.

7.30 - 9pm, main session.

**Where:** Coast Community Church

57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

**What:**

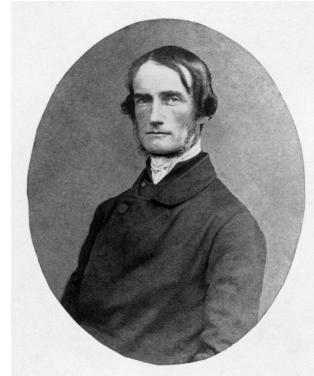
**"Octavius Hadfield"**

His place in Kapiti's history

**Speaker:** David Hadfield

**Supper roster: A - E**

**Convenor:** Ian Brooking



### Daytime meeting

**When:** Wednesday October 26th

1.30 – 4pm

2 - 4pm meeting

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

**What:** Update and news from the evening meeting, followed by discussion and research.

Don't like driving at night? Want to spend some enjoyable time with fellow genealogists?

Come along and join us at the Daytime meeting.

**Co-ordinator:** Denice McCarten

## Branch notices

### Branch Secretary

We are on the lookout to replace our calm, efficient Secretary, Colin, who is departing South for family reasons. His will be hard boots to fill.

Thank you, Colin, for all your contributions to the smooth running of both the Committee and Kapiti Genealogy events. We wish you all the best down in the cold South. You will be sorely missed.

Despite all the responsibilities listed on our web page under Who Does What (<http://www.kapitigen.org/home/who-does-what/>) it is not an onerous task.

Please email Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org for any clarification, or contact a committee member. Colin is happy to hand on his Secretary's notebooks, and assist in any way he can in a transition.

### Tour of National Library

At last, after many bookings and subsequent cancellations, we have finally been able to secure a tour of the National Library. We are booked for **Wednesday November 2nd at 10.30am.**

Please register by email at [kathycallaghan@gmail.com](mailto:kathycallaghan@gmail.com) or ph 0210452925 or 04 2970733  
by Monday 31 October.

*In relation to mask wearing the National Library state: Masks are not compulsory, we leave it up to the individual, thus we have a mix of both mask-wearing and non-wearing researchers in the two Reading Rooms. On the whole most front-facing Research Access team have chosen to continue wearing masks, and we are provided with Rapid Antigen Tests; our team has had a low rate of COVID infection, which we have put down to up to date vaccinations, regular mask wearing, and the testing regime.*

## Performing family history

Kate Jason-Smith and Jan Bolwell gave stimulating presentations at our September meeting. You missed a treat if you weren't there!

Each had written and performed a one-man play, both of which were shown as videos at the meeting. Kate's depicted some of her mother's experience in World War II, as a nurse on the front line in France and Germany, and Jan's followed her father in WWII, from Egypt to Italy.

Kate's mother joined the Queen Alexander Nursing Corp in 1944, after the death of her fiancé from a heart attack. She experienced many horrors which haunted her for life. She ended up at Belsen Camp, where she met her future husband (an engineer) with whom she later emigrated to New Zealand. Kate's book "I'll Tell You Something for Nothing" will be added to our library collection. She told us that one of the difficulties in writing of the events was coordinating the family stories with time frames from other sources of reference.

Jan's story was about her father, who also served in WWII in Egypt. He was captured in Libya and sent to a POW camp in Italy, where he spent 2 ½ years.

Jan gained many details of the events during that part of the war from the wonderful account in Chris Pugsley's book. When her research took her to Italy, she managed to find the farmhouse loft where her father slept. The Italians called him "Milord Goffredo", the title of the book Jan wrote to record her father's story.

Jan's father went back to see the family who had saved his life and stayed three months.

Hat's off to both Kate and Jan for their hard work and for showing us an inspirational way to record family history.

*Thanks to Jenny for her notes.*

## Women scorned!

I have been writing up the story of Louisa Williams, my great grandmother. Louisa was one of 15 siblings. It seems that a number of her sisters were not very discerning when it came to the men they chose! Two in particular stand out.

Louisa's sister Kate gave birth to a son when aged 18. The father of the child was George Williams, and was often referred to as her husband, but there is no marriage record found.

George Williams 'disappeared' when the child was an infant. He was never seen again. It was said that for many years Kate Williams carried a brick in her handbag, just in case she ever saw George Williams again!



Another sister, Rosina, was also deserted by her husband, David Brown Dunlop, leaving her with four children to raise on her own. Wanted ads were placed in newspapers and in the police gazette, to no avail.

However, after a long search they finally found his grave and erected a cheeky plaque - 'Found you at last after your long disappearance'!

*Kathy Callaghan*

## Additions to Ancestry's Collections

England:	St Margaret's Church, Westminster, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1934
	Nottinghamshire, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1937
Ireland:	Royal College of Physicians of Ireland Registers, 1667-1920
Australia:	Queensland, Immigration Records: Passengers and Crew, 1852-1899
	Queensland, Commonwealth Electoral Rolls, 1906-1969
	Queensland, School Admission Records, 1860-1992
UK:	Post Mortem Examinations and Case Books, 1840-1920
UK:	World War II War Diaries, 1939-1946
UK:	Coal Mining Accidents and Deaths Index, 1878-1951
UK and Commonwealth:	Law Examination Records, 1836-1946

To check if anything new might appeal to your research  
 Click on the Search menu and select Card Catalogue

## New on FamilySearch

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/tag/about-familysearch/whats-new-at-familysearch>

There has to be something of interest for someone, free, on FamilySearch. They have announced the following additions to their records in just the last two weeks:

### Where are you searching?

7 million newly indexed family history records have been added to collections from **Mexico, Ireland, and Spain**.

The indexed additions include about 10,000 from civil registrations and Catholic records in Argentina and browseable "new records from **Benin, Brazil, Cape Verde, Chile, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, England, Panama, Peru, S Africa, the Ukraine, the United States, Venezuela**"!

From **Ireland**, 1.5m indexed records of "Ireland, Dublin, Workhouses Admission and Discharge Registers, 1840-1919"

**English** records included were 113k indexed records in the "England, Devon, Ford Park Cemetery and Torquay Cemetery Burials, 1848-1974" collection

## Relationship diagrams on MyHeritage

Am I the last person in the Branch to have discovered Relationship diagrams on MyHeritage?

It came to my attention that a person in the USA, who's name or family I had never heard of, had my husband's mother in her family tree.

So I wrote and asked her how she was related to us. By reply I got the clearest diagram, with all the information I needed, and none that I didn't, leading to the conclusion that she is a 4th cousin once removed! The common ancestors were her 4Xgreat grandfather and Norman's 3x great grandfather!

I had to find out how she produced such brilliance.

On your MyHeritage family tree website, click on the drop-down *Family Tree* menu —> *More* —> *Relationship Diagram*. And Hey Presto! A ready drawn, annotated diagram will appear.

## Finds on Find MyPast

**Researching Norfolk?** Norfolk baptisms in 1922, Banns and marriage from 1938, Burials from 1997 are now online.

You're in luck if your ancestor was likely to have been baptized, married or buried at All Saints church in the parish of **Kingston upon Thames**, Surrey between 1813-1825

### Explored the 1921 census yet?

The FindMyPast blog <https://www.findmypast.com/blog/discoveries/10-amazing-finds-1921> reports 7 horses, 17 dogs, 144 (!) cats, 3 goldfinches, 2 ferrets, 7 chickens, 1 rooster and 1 tortoise, all listed as family members. Along with some of the many comments they've found in the records.

**New additions**, in the period 1786-1822, to the British Royal Navy & Royal Marines Service and Pension Records, 1704-1919 with over 20,000 original wills of men in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines

## Recent additions to Papers past

Press (1972-1979)

Timaru Herald (May-June 1912)

Waikato Times (March-April 1920, May 1925, August 1931)

Wairarapa Age (1921-March 1938)



## NZSG Status Update

We are still waiting for further status reports which should follow the next meeting of Lower North Island branches in early November.

For background information on the issues please refer to the document sent to you back on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, and also loaded to our website under the Members Only content, NZSG page <http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/members-only/nzsg/>

## Monthly Zoom Session

**NB. Please note changed day and time to first Monday evening.**

Last session for the year, **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 8pm** for an hour max.

**Topic: FamilySearch - finding people & merging duplicates**

Share your tips and hints on how to find people and what to do / NOT to do when merging duplicates.

**Members only. Free.**

**Pre-registration required.** The link is in the covering email with the Newsletter or go to the Contact Form on our website selecting the topic "How to".

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/>

You are welcome to register and attend to contribute your tips / questions, or to simply listen.  
Lorna

## 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 A– E

If your surname starts with any of these letters, Your help would be appreciated with the supper. Thank you.

### 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 November 5th**

### Monthly zoom session

Monday November 7th at 8pm, for an hour

See page 5 for details.

Pre-registration required Members only

## 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"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

### 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

## Irish

Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday November 8th, 2-4pm.** APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.  
Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

## Roots Magic

The next two-monthly Roots Magic user group meeting is **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November. 2-4pm**  
**Please note this has switched to Zoom** – a nearby event clash made parking next-to-impossible last year and is expected this year as well.

Those on our RootsMagic mailing list will receive the registration link nearer the time.  
Request a particular topic at the link below and bring along your tips and questions.  
Bring your own refreshments!

All versions covered.

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

## DNA

A bonus, free, DNA group meeting using Zoom is scheduled for **8pm Monday November 21<sup>st</sup>.**  
Pre-registration link will be sent nearer the time, along with the topic, to those on our DNA mailing list.  
Any particular topic requests may be made from our DNA group page:  
<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>

Our final in-person DNA interest group meeting in October was a lively discussion on the just released Ancestry **SideView** as we all explored. See DNA news below.

## DNA news

Ever wondered what side of your ancestry a match is on? Don't have a tested parent?  
Meet the new **SideView** on Ancestry.

Available to all testers, with or without a subscription to the rest of the site.

The recent **SideView** allocation of your ethnicity has now been extended to allocation of your matches to a Parent, using only the DNA of yourself and your matches.

**The feature is still being rolled out so not everyone has it as yet** – and yes I'm missing out but can access my results from an account I can both sign into, and have shared my results with, that has been more fortunate in the release stakes.

Read more at <https://thednageek.com/ancestrydnas-sideview-assigns-matches-to-parent-sides/>  
and a pre-release report at <https://www.theverge.com/2022/9/26/23367499/ancestry-genetic-matches-parent-side>

If you have not tested at Ancestry you are missing out.  
Not only on being able to "meet" yet more of your genetic cousins from the largest database of testers, but also on this latest tool.

If you can see By parent Beta at the top of your match list, you have the feature.

If you can't, wait impatiently like I am !

Lorna Henderson



## Branch Officers

**Convener:** To be advised  
Convenor "at" KapitiGen.org

**Secretary:** Colin Cameron  
Phone: 022 674 9165  
Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org

**Treasurer :** John Miller  
Treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org

## Branch responsibilities

**Membership:**  
Lorna Henderson: Phone: 293 7771  
Membership "at" KapitiGen.org

## Programme & Activities:

Ian Brooking  
Programme "at" KapitiGen.org  
Denice Mc Carten

**Librarian:** Beverley Chappell

**Members:** Ian Barbour  
Jenny Wilson

## Daytime co-ordinator:

Denice McCarten  
daygrp"at"KapitiGen.org

## Magazine Round Robins:

Bev Chappell  
RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org

**Website:** <http://www.kapitigen.org>

**Webmasters:**  
Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

**Membership - New members always welcome.**

Please note increase to **\$30** for the year April 2022 to March 2023.

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->

**Meeting registrar:** Evening: Donna Bridgeman  
Daytime: May Redmund

**Sound System:** Ian Brooking

**Newsletter Editor:** Sheila Jolley

editor "at" KapitiGen.org

**Trip organiser:** Kathy Callaghan

**Publicity:** Donna Bridgeman

**Equipment Support:**

Lindsay Olsen. Backup; Ian Brooking

**Catering:** By roster

**Raffle:** Jenny Wilson

## Interest Group Facilitators:

**DNA:** Lorna Henderson

**Irish:** IrishSIG"at"KapitiGen.org

**Roots Magic:** Lorna Henderson

RootsMagic "at" KapitiGen.org

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

**Next Evening Meeting**  
**Tuesday November 22nd**



**End of Year function**

**Daytime Meeting**  
**Wednesday November 23rd**