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Meetings this month:  
 Evening  
 Tuesday January 24th  
 Daytime  
 Wednesday January 25th



## Editorial

Welcome to the January Kapiti Genealogy Newsletter. I trust you have all had a great Christmas with family, in person, or in your genealogy searching.

I am penning this editorial given our Newsletter editor extraordinaire, Sheila, is out of action. Mend quickly Sheila, we miss you.

I cannot recall, and just as well, the person who told me over the Christmas "Hey, do not worry about old age because it does not last too long" WOW just WOW.

On top of this we are just emerging out of a couple of years of COVID lockdowns and restrictions.

Further, probably many of us have been given the cold shoulder of disinterest when we have enthusiastically shared our latest finds about our family history when meeting up with family over Christmas. If one carries on down this path one could get a little depressed.

As I have contemplated on these matters and "had a conversation with myself" I have concluded a very exciting way ahead! I am not going to be deterred and am going to jam-pack the years ahead with positive activities. I am going to focus on the positive aspects of life, and ensure I always see the best in things.

You may be wondering, and rightly so, what the heck my outburst has to do with Kapiti Genealogy. Well a lot. See searching and writing about my family history is a passion of mine and therefore all the time I spend on this activity has to be, yes you guessed it...positive, fun, fulfilling, and just making me flipping happy.

Who would like to join me on this journey?

Come along for the ride. Lets grow and expand our Kapiti Genealogy activities to meet the needs and wants

of our expanding membership so it can provide a fulfilling environment for you to meet others and get some real fun out of your genealogy family history journey - but there is a wee catch. **We, Kapiti Genealogy, need more helpers.** We have something for everyone so do not hang back. Firstly we need to expand our committee to bring in some fresh ideas. A committee role is not onerous and generally only includes a fun monthly meeting. So our plea to you is to put your name forward, you will not regret it and it will be fun, not a burden.

Secondly we need members to help with other activities. You do not have to be on the Committee to do things. We need other non committee members to step forward and get involved. For example getting involved in our Library activities by getting on the roster to help. We can always, yes always, tailor what we need you to do to fit in with your other commitments. And you yourself will learn by helping others.

That aside, having a bit of spare time to get into some research and my passion I focused on trying to establish how a great uncle had accumulated his considerable wealth. Having not benefited from any of this wealth and noting that it was well past the time to contest a will was no deterrent in my determination to find answers. Within an few hours of searching PapersPast my attention had strayed far from my initial objective. It would take me days of exciting reading on other things before I realised this. I was also taking every opportunity to tell family genealogy stories that I thought they would be desperate to hear. Now you may think the end result was frustration in that I could not stay focussed on my research objective and disappointment in that they were not waiting with baited breath to hear my stories, but no, I was happy as happy. I had enjoyed what I had done, and will do the same again!

So enjoy your genealogy year ahead, be positive, meet and contribute with your genealogy friends, be happy.

Ian Barbour

## January Monthly Branch Meetings

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Members Free. Visitors welcome - \$5 please.

Supper / afternoon tea helpers: **K-O**

**Evening Meeting: Tues 24th Jan 7pm - 9pm**

Topic: **Here is the news: EXTRA! EXTRA!** Read all about it

Bring along a story to share, based on a newspaper item or book extract etc .

Good ones, bad ones, happy ones, sad ones, we want 'em all!

Co-ordinator: Ian Barbour

**Day Meeting: Wed 25th Jan 1:30 - 4pm**

Topic: **Here is the news: EXTRA! EXTRA!** Read all about it (as above)

If you are not able to get out for the Evening meeting, or just want to have some enjoyable time with your fellow genealogists, then the Day Group is for you.

Co-ordinator: Denice McCarten

Sneak preview: February meeting: Martyn Wright: "Hokitika Bound - Wright family life in the Goldfield Capital of New Zealand - 1864 to 1884" (the setting & time period for "The Luminaries")

## Branch Notices

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I hope you all enjoyed the end of year festivities in November, including a well received sneak of member Garry Aitchison's preview of his play about his family.

### Vacancies

As mentioned in Ian's guest editorial we have a need for more volunteers, both on and off committee, particularly for keeping our Help Desk at the APFHC operating. You don't have to know everything to help, but knowing how to look and learn to find out what you don't know is a useful skill.

Also if you have background helpful for some of the more technical tasks (keeping the computers at the APFHC up to date, our web pages, finances) we could also do with some backup there. Please do contact a committee member for more info if you want to contribute to keeping Kapiti Genealogy running smoothly.

### 1921 Census

FindMyPast on our computers at the APFHC now has full access to the 1921 census for England & Wales. For Scotland you'll have to go to [ScotlandsPeople](http://ScotlandsPeople). Canada has been available for a while.

### Obituary

We are very sorry to report the passing of Val Davison, one of our oldest, and longest standing members. Val spent many volunteer hours when setting up the Kapiti genealogy resources in Paraparaumu Library, in assisting people find family history information thereafter, and was a regular attender of group meetings until very recently. Our condolences to her family.

## NZSG

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The Branch and Interest Group Review of the relationship with our parent body, NZSG, has been concluded and presented at NZSG/branch regional representative meetings around the country. We will keep you posted on any rule changes.

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

### Resources:

Not all resources on the NZSG website are restricted to members. On the Presentations page (<https://genealogy.org.nz/Monthly-Presentations/11303/>) you can learn about the Kiwi Collection, Using the Library Catalogue, and finding resources with or without a membership.

## Monthly How to ...

We have a members only, short, internet monthly "How to..." session on the 1st Monday of the month from February to November, 8-9pm. Topic advised on our website and newsletter, and the registration link is included in the covering email for the preceding newsletter.

In addition, when the monthly meeting does not have an external speaker, there is usually a short "How to..." Session at the start of the meeting. Request a particular topic from our website under Programme

With Here is the News being the topic for the January meetings, both these How to sessions will focus on newspaper related topics. Join in and share your tips and hints for getting the best out of these wonderful resources.

## The Paint box

Ian Barbour has been busy again working through assorted objects he has inherited, researching them and passing them on to younger family members. Here's his next instalment. How many of you have done the same? You must all have interesting research / family stories to share. Why not e-mail them to Editor "at" [KapitiGen.org](mailto:KapitiGen.org)

The Art Box, The Cambridge Colours, was manufactured by Madderton and co Ltd, Loughton Essex, England. Madderton



and Co was founded in 1890 and closed during the second world war when the owner retired. My Uncle Bill Cockburn, actually great uncle, would likely have purchased the Art Box new in the years leading up to World War Two, when he was a musician and artist in Riverton, from which time it has been in our wider family, being passed down the generations. He and Auntie Kura lived in Riverton and never had any children. Uncle Bill had moved to Riverton from Roxburgh in 1925 to take up a music teacher role as well as pursuing his art painting interests. Subsequently, around the mid fifties, he owned a very successful local Riverton Drapers shop. In his spare time Uncle Bill would work away at his oil painting. His forte were landscapes painted in a more abstract style.

During a visit to Riverton in 1960, when I was nine years old, Uncle Bill gifted me the Art Box noting that I had shown a keen interest in his art. I recall him showing me how to sketch out the scenes using a stick of charcoal before commencing the application of the oil paints. I do recall being quite obsessed with making more charcoal when I got home by burning sticks in small fires in my Dads vegetable garden. While my interest was intense initially, over time other interests come along but the Art Box stayed with me as an heirloom rather than a

stimulus for me in the Arts.

The oil paints now in the box came from my father-in-law, Ken Nelson. Living in Fairfield in his 40's Ken developed a passion for oil painting. His forte were landscapes of a more exacting nature. Ken became a very well known and respected artist, the pinnacle of his success was when he took out third place in the very prestigious New Zealand National Kelliher art awards in 1971. Ken's art studio was loaded with art materials and some of his oil paints have been handed down the generations.

Sammy, our youngest grandson, often stays with us during school holidays and was always into creating things, albeit under the watchful eye of Mr Grumpy (Me) I see a real talent in Sammy emerging in his creative imaginative artistic skills. While the paint box is not valuable in itself as a collectors item it is a family heirloom. May Sammy's talents be revealed.



Ian Barbour

## What's new on the research sites?

### FamilySearch

Their plans for 2023 - which includes RootsTech, THE event of the genealogy conference year. (my emphasis, without apology - Lorna). Do make sure you follow the link in the plans blogpost to register. There's something for everyone, and all free.

**FindMyPast** recent additions include: six decades of Gibraltar census records, plus Gibraltar deaths and burials, 600,000 newspaper pages added, including one you have no doubt been waiting for: *Lady of the House*, an Irish newspaper that dedicated itself to the life of women in the early 20th century: *"The want has long been felt of a high-class Irish Journal solely devoted to Fashion, the Beautifying of the Home and Person, Scientific Cookery, the Toilet, the Wants and Amusements of Children, the Garden and Conservatory, and the hundred-and-one matters which interest educated women."*

**TheGenealogist** have added over 400,000 new Irish Records, including Parish Registers. Read more about this latest release: [Can't Pay or Won't Pay – The Tithe Defaulters](#).

### PapersPast (Nov 2022):

Bratska Sloga (1899), Dominion (1921-1934), Southland Times (1929-1936), Taranaki Daily News (1929-1935)

Despite the alarming news that Trove is supposedly losing funding soon, their blog has a large number of recent releases and planned releases

If you find a new resource that may interest others, please send a description to editor "at" KapitiGen.org for inclusion in the newsletter

## Interest Groups

### DNA

The two-monthly DNA user group meetings resume for 2023 on the **3rd** Saturday of February, the 18th. Doors open 1:30 for 2-4pm session. \$5 entry please.

The 18th is not a mistake, we revert to the normal 2nd Saturday of the month in April. Request a particular topic at the link above and bring along your tips and questions. All versions covered.

### DNA News

The most hot off the press at time of writing is for those interested in direct paternal line testing. For any project there is a new, Beta, addition to the Discover tool where you can view groups for a project, be it a surname, haplogroup, or geographic project as opposed to just the tester's position. The project admins won't even need to have been actively grouping the BigY results :)

Roberta Estes has had a sneak preview and written up the results on her blog.

You can search FamilyTreeDNA for any surname projects that might be of interest to you from their home page, scroll down and enter your surname of interest in the Search



### Roots Magic

The two-monthly Roots Magic user group meetings resume for 2023 on the 3rd Saturday of March (18th) 2-4pm. We are switching to online meetings for these. Those on our RootsMagic mailing list will be sent the registration link nearer the time.

Request a particular topic at the link above and bring along your tips and questions. All versions covered. Bring your own refreshments!

### Irish

Second Tuesday of month, February to November. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday Feb 14th, 2-4pm. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library. Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

## Some interesting blog posts:

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The National Archives (UK) [Medieval seal bags unravelled](#) examines some of the beautiful artefacts associated with some of their historic documents. A silk bag holding the seal of Thomas Becket, archbishop of Canterbury.

I doubt I'll ever be lucky enough to extend any of my own family back into Medieval times, but that doesn't stop the records being fascinating. So to go with the mention of Manorial records below in the Round Robin item, the National Archives also has a blog post on how innovative people are creating digital projects making Medieval data more accessible. [Mind your manors: Hacking like it's 1399](#). Links to assorted useful websites and datasets are included.

Eastman newsletter has an anonymous post highlighting [Julia Roberts' appearance on Finding Your Roots](#) - unexpected DNA results can happen to anyone.

MyHeritage have [reviewed their year](#), highlighting their record releases, tool improvements and their [AI Time Machine](#) (at least it isn't as creepy as their animations of your old photos)

The National Library of Scotland's blog highlights [some of their treasures](#).

And for something different, how many of you have read "Piece By Piece a Genealogical Jigsaw" by [Irene Lewis Ward](#). I had been watching a Scottish Indexes conference session on One-Name Studies which mentioned this one. It kept me engrossed, and could well be why getting this newsletter out to you was delayed a tad (sorry).

*Lorna Henderson*

## Round Robin

The April 2022 Who Do You Think You Are, which should be available in our folders in the APFHC, contains a useful **overview of Manorial Records for England**. These often overlooked records contain a wealth of family information and can cover from the oldest surviving manorial record in 1240 up to 1922 the demise of the manor.

The National Archives has computerised their index to the Manorial Documents Register and added assorted links to related sites. (Also on our website under Resources)

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. 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.

## Branch information

All Kapiti Branch events are in the [programme on our website](#), on the calendar. Check out the information on our user groups. Log in to update your own details.

### Branch meetings:

January to November:

**Evening** meeting fourth Tuesday of the month.

**Daytime** meeting the following day, usually the fourth Wednesday. (Check calendar this can vary)

Attendance is free to members of the Branch, Visitors \$5 to help cover expenses.

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

### Help with Research

Wednesday mornings 10-12am, at the APFHC, Paraparaumu Library, mid January through mid December.

Open to the public.

**One-on-one help.** Members only, the first Saturday of month February through November 1-3pm. By appointment only. Phone Lorna on 293 7771 and explain what you wish to cover so the appropriate helper can be arranged.

**Monthly online How to...** sessions First Monday of the month 8pm for an hour. February through November. Pre-registration required, topic and link advised in/with newsletter

### Facilities at the Alison Proctor Family History Centre (APFHC)

The APFHC is located in the 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 and sign for the key.

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

All six computers have subscriptions to Ancestry, FindMyPast, 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.

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.

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



See also "About" on our website: [Who we are](#) and [Who does what](#)

#### Branch Officers:

Convener: Convenor "at" KapitiGen.org

Secretary: Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org

Treasurer : John Miller Treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org

#### Branch responsibilities:

**Membership:** Membership"at"KapitiGen.org

Lorna Henderson: Ph: 293 7771 Programme &

**Activities:** Programme "at" KapitiGen.org

Ian Brooking, Denice Mc Carten

Members: Ian Barbour Jenny Wilson

**Daytime co-ordinator:** daygrp"at"KapitiGen.org

Denice McCarten

**Librarian:** Beverley Chappell

**Magazine Round Robins:** RoundRobin "at"

KapitiGen.org Bev Chappell

**Webmasters:** Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

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

#### Meeting registrar:

Evening: Donna Bridgeman

Daytime: May Redmund

**Sound System:** Ian Brooking

**Newsletter Editor:** editor "at" KapitiGen.org

Sheila Jolley

**Trip organiser:** Kathy Callaghan

**Publicity:** Donna Bridgeman

**Equipment Support:** Lindsay Olsen.

Backup; Ian Brooking

**Catering:** By roster

**Raffles:**

Evening: Jenny Wilson Day: Rose Demenech

#### Interest Group Facilitators:

**DNA:** DNASig "at" KapitiGen.org

Lorna Henderson

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

Donna Bridgeman

**Roots Magic:** RootsMagic "at" KapitiGen.org

Lorna Henderson

#### *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 1 April to 31st March.

Joining in Jan - Mar automatically includes you for the forthcoming financial year.

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 on our website under [Membership](#)

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Martin Wright  
"Hokitika Bound"

Daytime

Wednesday February 22nd

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