

Convenor's Comment

Programme details
for the Branch,
together with our
Interest & User
Groups are on our
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[http://kapitigen.org/
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The last month has just flown by and during that time I have been consumed with an avenue of research I never expected to take part in. It all began when my curiosity was aroused at seeing on an Ancestry message board that a 9 x great grandparent of mine was an 8 x great grandparent to a researcher in Ohio, USA.

It seemed that our common progenitor John TENNENT and his spouse Jean McTAGGART who lived in Alloway, Ayrshire, Scotland had amongst others a child named John and another named Elizabeth. I am descended from John and Heidi in Ohio is descended from Elizabeth.

On further inspection of documents found on Ancestry.com we found that John senior who was a miller, was listed in Burke's Peerage and a small comment appeared there to the effect that John was often consulted by none other than Robbie Burns before he published any of his now famous poems.

A close inspection of birth records showed Heidi and me that John Snr b. 1635 was 64 years of age when he married Jean in 1699 when she was 30 years of age, by which time the couple had had 5 children. Jean died in 1723 aged 54 and John in 1728 aged 93 years.

Our combined research did not end there. Over the past week we have found further generations of the Tennent family back to 1430. From that point to today there are 22 generations listed!! I think I might just visit Alloway when I'm over in Scotland again next year and even stop off in Ohio to meet my newly found 9th cousin 1 x removed.

It is unfortunate that the monthly Saturday **Members Only Personal Sessions** have been discontinued through lack of patronage. But good to see that our members are managing their research without the help on offer.

Bill McKeich,
Convenor

This month's meeting: Tuesday 25th June
Hugh McCracken will speak on the history of NZ railways
"They worked in the Railways"

YURU 2013

Our 2013 production is set to music and features Rodger Fox, New Zealand's foremost jazz trombonist, Big Band leader, jazz educator, arranger, producer and Lecturer at The New Zealand School of Music, Wellington. He will be joined by his jazz quintet and singer Erna Ferry, tracing his ancestors and playing music from each era.

He has performed in concert with some of the biggest names in the business, from the jazz and entertainment world, including Michael Brecker, Bill Reichenbach, Bob Sheppard, Diane Schuur, Eric Marienthal, Steve Smith, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Dick Oatts, Alan Broadbent, David Clayton-Thomas, Denise Perrier, John Fedchock, Louie Bellson, Jim Pugh, Irv Wagner, The University of Oklahoma Trombone Ensemble, Tom Warrington, Joe LaBarbera, Larry Koonse, Chuck Findley, Randy Crawford, Bobby Shew, Lanny Morgan, Bruce Paulson, Arturo Sandoval, Joe Williams, The Four Tops – Temptations, Gary Grant, Jon Papenbrook, Bill Cunliffe, Holly Hofmann, Kevin Mahogany to name but a few.

Rodger has promoted live concerts with his Big Band in the Global Festival arena, Montreux Jazz Festival, Monterey Jazz Festival, Manly Jazz Festival, Wichita Jazz Festival, The International Association of Jazz Educators Concert 1997 & 1999 and concerts in London, Singapore, Australia, Poland and the USA

He has recorded some 36 albums/CDs including two live recordings at the Montreux Jazz Festival, one at the Vanguard Studio's in New York City which featured premier jazz artists Guitarist John Scofield, Bassist Ron McClure and Trumpeter Tom Harrell.

Six times winner of the New Zealand Jazz recording of the year in 1981, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2009, and 2011, Finalists 1984, 2001, 2008.

2003 made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for services to Music
2005 honoured by Massey University with an Honorary Doctorate of Music.

Performances:

Southwards Theatre, Otaihanga, Paraparaumu, 2pm Sunday August 18
Circa Theatre, Taranaki Street, Wellington, 7.30pm Monday August 19

Tickets on sale at outlets from June 28 (see poster page)

A Stamped Addressed Envelope booking service is available for SOUTHWARDS ONLY
(see our web site for booking form).

Enquiries: kapiti@genealogy.org.nz or phone 04 905 8266.

Round Robins

It's the time of year when the Round Robin subscriptions fall due.

"Round Robins" are the magazines that we subscribe to as a branch, and those members who subscribe to any of these magazines, get to read the magazines concerned before they are placed up at the Alison Procter Family History Centre becoming available to all.

We have three titles currently, annual

subscriptions in brackets, with the month they fall due:

Who Do You Think You Are (\$15, July)

Family Tree Magazine (\$15, August)

Australian Family Tree Connections (\$10. May, ie overdue!)

Let Meryl know if you wish to join any of the above.

Lorna will be in touch for your subscriptions.

Waikanae Family History Group, monthly Thursday, 9:30am Waikanae Chartered Club, Elizabeth Street, Waikanae
Contact Hanley Hoffmann: [hdhoffmann "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:hdhoffmann@paradise.net.nz) Tel: 04 904 3276

Disclaimer: This group has no affiliation to Kapiti Branch of NZSG

Kapiti Genealogy presents

FAMILY JAZZ

RODGER FOX

jazzman and trombonist, takes a trip down the musical memory lane of his ancestors accompanied by his jazz quintet.



Southwards Theatre
Paraparaumu
Sunday 18 August
2.00pm

Tickets \$20 from:
Unichem, Kapiti Lights
Paraparaumu.

Fibre Flair, Main Rd,
Waikanae.
or tel: 04 905 8266

Circa Theatre
Wellington
Monday 19th August
7.30pm

Tickets \$20 at Box Office
or tel: 04 801 7992

YURU



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Information

www.kapitigen.org

Interest Groups

Computer Friendly Group

The Murray Jensen room at the Community Centre was a warm, cosy venue for the June Computer friendly group meeting where the mystery of GEDCOMs was revealed. The pros and cons were explained by Sue and we were then shown how to use our family tree programmes to create them.

We also learnt the advantages of using a GEDCOM to put family trees on line - those of us who have done that have had worthwhile contacts.

The topic for the July 8th meeting covers the use of flashdrives plus detailing the importance of backing up files. There will be the usual opportunity to have questions answered about research problems.

Australian Interest Group

Second Thursday of every month at the APFHC, February to November, 10 am – 12.00 noon

Family Tree Maker Group

Next session Saturday 29th Jun, KCC 9:30

(version 2006 and earlier) 10:45 (2008 and later versions) to 12:30

The later versions session will cover some of the basics such as backing up and restoring your project, and exporting a GEDCOM for sharing your data, or backing it up in a format likely to be recognized by other programs.

Bring along your questions.

Legacy Users Group

Next session Saturday 29th Jun, KCC 2pm - 4pm

DNA Group

Two monthly. Next session Sunday 14th Jul, Lorna's 2pm - 4pm

Phone 293 7771. Come along and learn how to get started, share your finds, or learn how to interpret your results.

Contact details, including a contact form, for interest group facilitators, are on our website under the Programme menu.

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

“They Used to Work on the Railway”

Come to the next Branch meeting on Tuesday 25 June and hear Hugh McCracken speak on this interesting subject.

He has been interested in Rail since a young boy and in 1990 obtained a grant to rescue two Wb engines from the West Coast, bringing them back to the North Island to preserve. He has these stored at the Rimutaka Incline Heritage Railway site at Maymorn, near Upper Hutt.

He will give a quick review of the roles and titles that railwaymen had, from the more commonly known through to the more obscure: from stationmaster to porter, locomotive driver (or locomotive engineer as they are now called), firemen, cleaner, fitter and turner, boilermaker, navy, platelayer, ganger, lengthman, signalman,

shunter, guard, refreshment room staff and illustrate these with photos, stories, memorabilia, some recollections and oral histories.

The railway used to be the hub of the community, and almost every New Zealand family will have had someone work on the railway at some stage in the past - a bit like the post office in some respects.

The Rimutaka Incline has a unique history, with remote communities looking after the day-to-day running of the Fell-worked incline, and all within a stone's throw of Wellington.

Railway communities were closely knit, brought together by the shift work, the long hours and the railway housing that was provided for the railway worker and their family.

FindMyPast announce they have added over 2.5 million Irish Petty Sessions Court Records *Discover what your Irish ancestors got up to with records dating back to 1842*

Dates for Your Diary

Kapiti Genealogy

Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre, Level 1 Paraparaumu Library

KCC: Kapiti Community Centre, Pak 'n Save Hall, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Please note these dates in your diary now as they will not be repeated in separate email notifications. They are also all in the [programme information on our website](#)

Thursday 20 June (APFHC): 6 - 7:30 pm **Introduction to BDM resources** held at accessible from the APFHC

Tuesday 25 June (KCC): 7:30 pm **monthly meeting** "They Worked on the Railway"

Thursday 20th June (APFHC): 6 p.m.-7-p.m. Overviews of BD&M NZ and Overseas

Tuesday 23rd July (APFHC): 7:30pm monthly meeting "NZSG update"

Every Wednesday: 10 a.m. to noon Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC and further your family tree. Now with six computers available, all with Ancestry, three with FindMyPast. Public and members welcome.

Interest Group meetings (see [Programme>Interest Groups on our website](#) for further details)

Saturday 29 June : **Family Tree Maker** (KCC) 9:30 am VI6/2006; 10:45 later versions Window/Mac (backup/gedcoms)

Saturday 29 June : **Legacy** (KCC) 1pm—4.30p.m.

Monday 8 July : **Computer** group (KCC) 7:30pm using flash drives, saving to favourites, backing up files.

Thursday 11 July: **Australian** group (APFHC) 10 am

Sunday 14 July: **DNA** group (Lorna's) 2pm 293 7771

Events around our region

Tuesday 16 July 12.10 – 1pm – Personal Views of Day to Day Life

Gillian Headifen, Research Librarian, Oral History, will give an overview of how oral history can be used to provide a social history context for family historyBookings essential [click here for Jul to Sep schedule](#)

National Library, Wellington Opening Hours Mon to Sat: [Te Ahumairangi](#): 8.30am – 5pm, Reading Rooms: 10am – 5pm

National Archives Wellington Opening Hours Mon to Fri: Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5pm (First Wed of each month 9:30 - 5)

Coming up



NEW ZEALAND'S FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

2nd - 4th August 2013

at Vodafone Events Centre

Manukau

Follow the updates at <http://www.nzfamilyhistoryfair.org.nz/>

Free entry, keynote speakers, exhibitor stands +++

August: is Family History Month

Our contribution towards Family History Month is YURU, but further afield other branches will be holding their own special events.

What will yours be?

Interviewing that elderly relative you've been meaning to talk to? Record your own story for your grandchildren?

Trying another tack on that elusive brickwall ancestor?

Backup your data NOW, in several formats, including off site digital backups.

Losses can happen to anyone, at any time

Read about the National Library of Wales' losses to fire

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-mid-wales-22770260>

Tour of Archives New Zealand

On May 9 a group of 12 went on a guided tour of Archives New Zealand. Some of the group were on their first tour, others were regular visitors. As usual it was a very interesting tour and included a visit to view the original Treaty of Waitangi. Most were there to discover what records were held at Archives New Zealand and learn how to access these.

The tour covered the usual Land Deed, War Records and War Diaries, court records and intention to marry records.

Also on display were some fascinating documents of Chinese immigrants including photos and finger prints. Should a Chinese person leave the country in the late 1800's, very detailed and extensive records were required if the person wished to return to New Zealand.



New to most of the group was the relatively new initiative of placing archival film clips onto YouTube. There are thousands of film clips covering New Zealand history including advertisements and events. It was time well worth spent in this section. The following YouTube clip shows what is available in Archives New Zealand. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gsvwy9i02u8>

The wonders, and perils, of online trees

Many of you will be familiar with the idea of sharing your research in online trees. Just some of the sites are Ancestry, MyHeritage, WorldConnect, WikiTree, FamilySearch, Geni, WeRelate, and FamNet, but others do exist.

They divide into two basic types, those where each tree is in its own independent tree (Ancestry family trees, MyHeritage, WorldConnect, FamNet), and those where there is a One World Tree concept where collaboration is encouraged and each person *should* only be on the tree once (FamilySearch, WikiTree, Geni, We Relate).

Each site has their own strengths and weaknesses as to controls over who can view, and/or update, the data, and how to update (by keying, or GEDCOM or direct from your program)

Costs range from free (WorldConect, WikiTree, WeRelate, FamilySearch, Ancestry - without a data subscription) to expensive, and all points in between.

In general: some may only be updated online, either initially loaded via a gedcom, or keyed; some may be fully integrated with your genealogy program; Of the latter, some individuals may be selectively published/shared online (FamilySearch via eg RootsMagic and Legacy), or your tree published in full (Ancestry, MyHeritage) with two-way

synchronisation of the data.

All have the benefits of sharing your data, and finding long lost relatives who may have that elusive clue as to where great uncle Johnnie ended up, or why that branch of the family lost touch, or a photo you don't have.

All also have perils of rampant inaccuracy from careless "research", copied many times over.

We don't "own" our ancestors, but we do "owe" it to them to be remembered, accurately.

So do check the data you find.

THINK before you share. Would YOU be happy with what is there? Also remember the privacy constraints on the living.

THINK before you copy. Is that really "my" relative? Is that his/her photo? Is the information accurate?

Once online, data and photos tend to get "legs" and run very fast, and somehow, it's always the inaccurate bits that run further and are harder to correct.

Not that this is a new problem that only arrived with online trees. I'm sure you all have inherited old paper trees with rather fanciful genealogies.

Above all, explore, share, and enjoy, but be sceptical.

Lorna

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 25 June 2013

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start.

Supper roster: **A-E** Your continued help with this would be appreciated.

Welcome

We welcome new members Robert Phillips, Russell Cooney, Joy Harris, Barbara Bailey, Ian Timperley, and Marilyn McMillan.

Website

Remember to check [our website](#) every so often, especially for late breaking news and events that we find out about between newsletters. These will normally appear in the Recent Changes

section top right sidebar, but you can always click on any "tag" in the list to find all pages marked as of relevance to the topic selected.

FindMyPast

A friendly reminder to those using FindMyPast at the APFHC. Please do NOT log out of the site. Simply close the browser window, or leave it open when you log off the pc so that the next user can still access the site.

Research Assistance

Members are reminded that should they need assistance with their research they can attend the weekly Wednesday morning sessions also held at the APFHC at the Paraparaumu Library, contact their buddy, or use the Kapiti Gen Forum form on our website (<http://www.kapitigen.org/resources/research/>

NZ Society of Genealogists

Remote Film reader

How many of you who belong to the NZ Society of Genealogists (our parent body, but requiring a separate subscription) know about the remote film reader?

Some instructions on how to use this are on page 111 of the latest magazine, which you should have received mid June, or by logging in to the members area of the [NZSG website](#).

No need to travel to the nearest centre where LDS films may be read, do this in the comfort of your own home.

And no, not all the data you need to accurately document your family tree is available online anyway!

NZ Illegitimacy Records Database

Also in the latest magazine is an article about one of our members, Derek Griffis', indexing works that is now available via the, free to members, Research Service.

Derek's accompanying article about the history of his database is included, along with his words of caution about what those involved may not want you to know.

Treat data found with sensitivity.

Strategic Planning

An update from the Strategic Planning Committee of our National Body shows the challenges ahead in keeping the society viable and relevant in today's genealogy world.

Do YOU have a brick wall ancestor that our readers may be able to help you find?
Send an email to [Editor "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:Editor@KapitiGen.org) with the details and it can be included in the newsletter

**Branch meetings:** 4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

Time: 7pm, supper / research
7:30pm, meeting start

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Branch fundraiser - Used ink cartridges

The Branch collects used ink and toner cartridges for recycling: Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, Epson & Brother. Bring your old cartridges to Derek at a branch meeting, put them in a box in the locked glass cabinets at the APFHC in Paraparaumu Library, or leave them in Derek's letter-box: 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae.

Branch fundraiser - Bag, sweat shirt, t-shirt

Available from our store

<https://KapGen.printmighty.co.nz>

**Computer Password at the APFHC**

APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red folder in the drawer. Members need to get the cupboard key from library help desk. We also request that you sign the blue sign-in book in the drawer - such statistics help us when applying for grants such as those that allowed us to add the two new computers.

Email links throughout the newsletter are clickable, remove one of the @ symbols before sending.

Committee meetings: 7pm, 1st Wednesday

Branch Committee

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Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - hover your mouse over the "About" menu.

Newsletter content deadline: Saturday after 1st Wednesday

Send copy to: [editor "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:editor@KapitiGen.org)

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher

NB: To ensure publication, submissions **must** be received by deadline

May meeting - Don's family skeletons

Despite the very cold temperatures a number braved the weather to hear Don Niccol spoke about his colourful family history.

Don's use of humour, fascinating stories, logical progression and a well presented power point made for a very interesting evening.

Don is comfortable in the role of public speaking and was able to keep everyone interested. It was fascinating to see the power of genes through the generations!

We were all enthralled with the story of the 52 year old ancestor who married three times with all three dying before him. His 2nd wife died in

mysterious circumstances. Newspaper reports of the time can lead to some conclusions as to how. He had married her when she was only 16 years of age when he was 52 years of age!

Submitted by Kathy

*July meeting Tuesday
23rd July
NZSG Councillor
Clive Palmer
NZSG Update*

Billion Graves and Family Search have announced how headstones recorded in Billion Graves can be attached to a person's source box on their Family Search tree. <http://blog.billiongraves.com/2013/06/familysearch-tree-connect/> has the detailed instructions on how.