

Full programme details for the Branch, Interest & User Groups are on our website <http://KapitiGen.org>

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Convenor's Comment

Greetings from Scotland



The photo is of a female seagull standing on the highest point of the St Quivox Church graveyard.

I had been lead to believe that I would find some ancestors buried here so I ventured off the main road to go in search of these. St Quivox is a real old fashioned village well off the beaten track and I had to negotiate 12 foot single carriage roads and a succession of large John Deere tractors coming the other way before I found the place.

The cemetery is well cared for but I had no sooner entered the gate than a seagull began to attack me. She would make one swoop down towards me, climb up high, do a 180degree turn and come swooping at me from the other direction. With that beak pointing towards me and those beady eyes fixed on me I had visions of what it must have felt like during a Kamikaze attack during WW2. I was kept ducking from one side of the headstones to the other during the whole time I was in the graveyard. I did photograph three headstones although on one occasion I felt the wind from the gull's wings on my face as she passed by. I soon found the cause for her anxiety. There on the

ground wandering amongst the headstones were two very fluffy chicks. I decided that discretion was the better part of valour and beat a very hasty retreat.

Genealogy research such as I am doing at the moment can take some unexpected twists.

I had been talking to some of the locals at Alloway, just south of Ayr. All agreed that the midwife at the birth of Robert Burns the great Scottish poet was Marion Craik. I had previously researched Marion Craik as being my 8 x great grandmother married to John Tennant a Smith. The Burns name appears on my mother's side of the family and while many would like us to have a genealogical connection to the great poet it is not so. However they might be satisfied with what I found out. The smiddy has long since been demolished but a plaque on the doorway of the house on the site reads "In 1832 at this place nothing happened here". One wonders what caused this to be erected.

I hope you are all keeping yourselves warm while the sun shines in Scotland. Either way it's a good opportunity for some serious research.

Best wishes from Scotland
Bill McKeich
Convenor

July meeting Tuesday
22 July
Clothes, Medals and Memorials: What you can glean from military memorabilia.

YURU 2014 - August 16th and 17th, Paraparaumu Library



Kapiti Genealogy presents Soldiers' Tales From the Trenches

Sat- Sun
16-17 August 2014
10am - 4pm

Paraparaumu Public Library

Research your WW1 soldier, get help with finding
military records and WW1 information.

Bring your WW1 memorabilia, photos for identification, help offered on
WW1 medals and ribbons.

Displays of the major battles in Gallipoli, Belgium and France.

PowerPoint show telling the story of eight of our
soldiers on the Paraparaumu Memorial gates.

This is their story from the trenches and the ultimate sacrifice they paid.

-A Why You Are You event-

Our military history EXPO will be a unique opportunity for you to research your family who served in WWI. So dig out those records, photos, badges, medals and other memorabilia and bring it along.

Encourage your children and grandchildren to share in the search and memories of their ancestors.

The National Library, ArchivesNZ, National Army Museum, Ministry of Defence Library, and Te Papa National Museum will all be on hand at help desks. Also present will be Waikanae based military historian Howard Chamberlain, and the former director of the National Army Museum, Ray Seymour who have extensive knowledge and identification experience.

The RSA and Paekakariki Steam Museum will also be there.

The Alison Procter Family History Centre will be open throughout the weekend for research and advice on WWI records.

There is free Wi-Fi at the library so bring along your own devices too.

The following are to be commemorated in our YURU presentation "Soldiers' Tales from the Trenches" which will show continuously in the Library throughout the weekend

Private Joseph Martin CORNWALL.
Killed in action on the 25th of April 1915, in Gallipoli, Turkey. Buried at Quinn's Post Cemetery, ANZAC, Turkey.

Trooper Oscar Avonmore LYNCH.
Died of disease on the 5th of July 1915 in Egypt. Buried at Alexandria (Chatby) Military Cemetery, Egypt.

Trooper William Henry LYNCH.
Killed in action on the 9th of August 1915 in Gallipoli, Turkey. Name on the (NZ) Memorial at the Chunuk Bair Cemetery, Gallipoli, Turkey.

Lance-Corpl. Sidney Benjamin PERRETT.
Killed in action on the 5th of November 1917 in Palestine. Buried at Beersheba War Cemetery, Israel.

Rifleman Frederick DAVIES.
Killed in action on the 15th of September 1916 on the Somme. Buried at Bulls Road Cemetery, Flers, Somme, France.

Private Silvester Moralee ROSS.
Killed in action on the 12th of October 1917 at Ypres, Belgium. Remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Tyne Cot Cemetery, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Sergeant-Major Richard Septimus TUCKEY.
Died of wounds Passchendaele, Belgium on the 10th of June 1918. Buried at Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt, Somme, France.

Private Edward Percy MEEK.
Died of disease on the 19th of February 1919 at No.1. New Zealand General Hospital, Brockenhurst, Hampshire, England. Buried at Brockenhurst (St Nicholas) Churchyard, Hampshire, England.

These soldiers are among those named on the Paraparaumu War Memorial.



APFHC News



Help instructions for the above program are now on our website under Membership > Members only.

The Kapiti Genealogy Menu

Users will notice a few changes of late. We believe we have reached the final version of the menu for accessing our resources. Many thanks to Dirk and Sue for all their efforts, and those who helped test it.

The main change to note is that you no longer have to load physical cds.

Simply click on the image of the cd beside the resource you want to view.

If there isn't a cd image, just click on the title.

New Zealand CD-Image Menu



Below are just some of the resources available.

New Zealand.

NZ Marriages
Five Electoral rolls
Kiwi Index
WWI
NZ Burial Locator

Computers

The two oldest computers that were proving temperamental have been replaced.

Fingers crossed that is the last hardware upgrade we'll be doing for a while.

We ask for your consideration on Wednesday mornings. If you are researching and do not need the help of the volunteers, please consider coming at another time than the 10 to 12 timeslot when use of the computers is at a premium.

Cyclopedias of NZ

Wanganui Collegiate School Register

Whos Who NZ

Wises NZ Index 1945 and PO Directory 1926

Australia.

Aussie Paracensus

Australian Genealogical Computer Indexes

Australian Vital Records

Victoria Outwards

Australian Dictionary of Dates & Men of the Time

England & Ireland Tab

Navy Records 1871 & 1901

Remember to also check the favourites and bookmarks at the top of the browser window from the Internet Research Links page.

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 replacement computers.

Printer, Paper and Toner

Please remember that you are asked to contribute 10c. per copy for the printing service provided.

This amount does not even cover the cost of the toner used.

Where possible you are encouraged to use memory sticks instead to record the results of your research.

July Branch Meeting - Clothes, Medals and Memorials

When: Tuesday July 22nd 7 pm—9 pm

Where: Kapiti Community Centre

Who: Kerry Lee

What: Clothes, Medals and Memorials: What you can glean from military memorabilia.

How to: Hilary Cunningham - Saving your APFHC finds to a memory stick

Archives Tour 10th July

A group of 17 joined the guided tour of Archives NZ. The tour was led by Archives staff member Trish, who stated that in spite of her degrees and studies, she has found that that she can often learn new things from Family History researchers such as ourselves!

Trish covered the basics of how to register with Archives NZ and where to access information. Once a Readers Card is obtained then 5 items at a time can be requested either from your own computer or from computers at Archives NZ. If you are unable to get to an Archives NZ branch, in some cases an Archivist can do copies and email the document to you in pdf format. Contact Archives directly for details.

Archives NZ has the best collection of Coroners Reports in the world. These go up the 1940's. Some restrictions apply (see website for details) but often all that is needed is a letter to the appropriate government department stating why you wish to look at a restricted item and permission will be granted.

An extensive collection of Education Records (mainly primary) are held at the four Archives NZ branches. An index of schools is on Archway but to view the file you will need to visit in person. These mainly contain class lists (often with date of

birth or address), but sometimes have examination results.

Other documents mentioned were: Intention to Marry 1856 – 1956; Probates; Immigration Records (assisted passengers only are indexed); Shipping Index (up to 1970's); Divorce records (restricted to 60 years); Police Gazettes (restricted to 60 years); WWI (and some WW2) records – it is anticipated that all WWI records will be available online by August 2014.

Documents of general interest and fascinating reading include: Katherine Mansfield's parent's will – she was written out of their will!; The Patent Record for Gallaghers Electric Fence and the Hamilton Jet; Amy Box Police Record – the woman who pretended to be a man, even going so far as to marry a woman; and Walter Bolton – the last person hanged in NZ.



How mature a genealogist are you?



No, not *that* meaning of mature. If you browse the ancestry insider blog (<http://ancestryinsider.org>) there's a link on the right hand side

to an article "[The Genealogical Maturity Model](#)". The page is a table of contents linking several articles on this theme together. Want to be a better genealogist? Start by rating yourself—the levels range from Entry, through Emerging, Practicing, Proficient, to

Stellar, against categories of: Sources, Citations, Information, Evidence, Conclusions and Conclusion trees. There are also some interesting comments below the article, which suggest adding in a Collaboration category.

Further reading:
The Genealogical Proof Standard (<http://www.bcgcertification.org/resources/standard.html>)
Evidence Explained (<https://www.evidenceexplained.com/>) by Elizabeth Shown Mills

New resources to explore

Ancestry

Although the newly available NZ BDM indexes on ancestry have been restricted back to the dates available here, they are still a welcome addition to our online resources as they have two features not available from the Dept of Internal Affairs (DIA) historical indexes - wild card searching, and a separate index to that from the DIA. It is always useful to have more than one index to the same resource. What you may not be able to find on one, may be findable on the other.

Ancestry's New and Updated list for the last month shows updates to several collections with a criminal theme: the NSW Gaol Description and entrance books 1818-1930, and several New York collections along the same line; also UK holocaust records, and Naturalisation certificates 1870-1912.

FindMyPast

FMP are highlighting additions to their marriage collection as part of their 100 in 100 campaign, mostly USA states. They also have some interesting blog posts about records to help you find your U.S. Military Irish ancestors, many of which apply to those missing non-Irish ancestors who may have fought in the Revolutionary or Civil War in particular.

FamilySearch

For those of us liking to have our tree on the go, FamilySearch have released two mobile apps, *FamilySearch Tree* and *FamilySearch Memories*. Both are free and synch to FamilySearch Tree. Available for both android and apple. (This joins apps for most of the major online trees and genealogy software: ancestry/myheritage/RootsMagic/Legacy to name just some.)

They also announced, back in June, that they'd just published their one billionth image of historic records just 7 years after setting out on that journey. It took them 58 years from 1938 to publish the first two billion images on microfilm.

You can help index these collections by selecting, yes, the Indexing link at FamilySearch.org.

Ireland

Thank you to the LostCousins newsletter for highlighting a major addition to IrishGenealogy.ie. Not only does this state-run website have a

growing collection of church records, but now it also has more complete BDM indexes than those currently available via FamilySearch, Ancestry and findmypast. It includes births, marriages, and deaths right up to 2013 - as well as a certain amount of additional detail to aid identification. He quotes Claire Santry, writer of [Irish Genealogy News](http://IrishGenealogyNews) as saying (along with a more detailed description):

"As with the pre-existing online database, the new GRO Indexes cover the entire island up to and including 1921. Thereafter, it includes only those events registered in the Irish Free State/Republic of Ireland."

Mocavo

Continues to publish an eclectic collection of old books. One recent one that caught my eye was "The Northern Genealogist, 1896" which contents list includes articles on "Durham, Carlisle, and Allertonshire Marriage Bonds", "Analytical Calendar of Lincolnshire Wills in the P.C.C.", "Westmoreland Wills" and many others.

The editorial was full of doom and gloom about the necessity of printing English Parish Registers as the working man "will, as a matter of course, destroy what he regards as the title-deeds of the aristocrats". And we only worry about fire, floods and computer failures!

MyHeritage

Is offering free access until the end of July for number of their 1914-1918 war collections.

Their blog also highlights an updated list of banned baby names released by our own NZ Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages. One of the criteria is a name should not be unreasonably long. Just as well my xth cousin's daughter wasn't born in NZ, she has a string of forenames including Bolognaise and Cheese on Toast. Suspect she might not have met the length requirements.

How will you be remembered?

Try [this obituary](#) for George Ferguson of British Columbia (highlighted by Dick Eastman <http://www.eogn.com>), which says, in part, "no one could accuse him of having been a loving son, brother, or father. He'd gladly have stolen the shirt off your back"..

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

All Kapiti events are also all in the [programme information on our website](#), both in a downloadable document and on the calendar.

July 22nd: Tuesday 7pm (KCC) Monthly meeting. Kerry Lee: Clothes, Medals and Memorials

July 31st: Thursday (Bulls/Marton) Museum tour - **postponed**, revised dates to be confirmed.

August 16 and 17th 10 am to 4pm (Paraparaumu Library) YURU 2014 an EXPO - learn about your military ancestors (see Page 2 for details, and page 7 for help wanted)

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. Six computers available, all with Ancestry, three with worldwide FindMyPast. Public and members welcome.

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

Sun. August 10th: Informal Group for those interested in exploring DNA for genealogy 2 to 4pm at Lorna's (ph 04 293 7771 for further information)

Thur. August 15th: Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon

Sat. August 30th: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group 2 to 4pm (KCC) doors open 1:30pm. \$2 door charge;

You may also be interested in:

Fri/Sat/Sun 15-17th August Mystery of History Research Weekend at Te Takere, Levin. Range of speakers and topics, \$30 per day, \$50 for two, Friday night function with guest speaker \$10. See [poster](#) on our website for further details. Early bird registration \$40, closes 31 July.

Tues 19th August 12.10pm – 1.00pm Monthly National Library Lunch Time talk . Book your spot by emailing [at@outreach](mailto:at@outreach.govt.nz) "at" [dia.govt.nz](mailto:at@outreach.govt.nz) or calling Celia Joe on 04 462 3935

Interest Groups

Australian

We expect Deborah back in time for the August meeting of 14th August 10 to noon, APFHC.

Legacy

Next session Aug 30th. 2 to 4pm

DNA

Next meeting Sunday 10th Aug 2 to 4pm. Usual questions answered/discussed: What test? For whom? How to make the most of your results.

Contact Lorna 293 7771 for more information.

FamilyTreeMaker

The June session at the KCC was the last for this group.

Falling numbers simply do not justify paying a rental.

Lorna is happy to continue taking two-monthly sessions for those needing help with the later FTM (2008 and up) versions—or for that matter, to help anyone using programs other than the well catered for Legacy, such as RootsMagic, or getting more out of online trees (WikiTree/Ancestry/ FamilySearch/MyHeritage ...)

Expressions of interest to Lorna 293 7771.

As always, check out our website for further details - Programme> Special Interest Groups.

Round Robins

A reminder that we subscribe to three magazines on your behalf: Who Do You Think You Are, Family Tree, and Australian Family Tree Connections.

After they have done the rounds of those who have subscribed to see them as part of a RoundRobin system, they are all placed in binders on our shelves at the APFHC.

If you wish to subscribe to any of our Round Robin magazines, contact Meryl Opie (RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org) to get your name added to the list.

Further details on our website under [Resources > Round Robins](#).

All have items of interest in them. Subscription rates are on our website, and all fall due around this time of year.

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 22 July 2014

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start.

Supper roster: F - J

If your surnames starts with the above letters, your help with the supper would be appreciated.

Committee meetings: 7pm, 1st Wednesday of months February—December

Welcome

We welcome new members Caroline GRENFELL, Maureen McCRAE, and welcome back John GLOVER

YURU 2014

Please see below for volunteers request

Portfolios

As always, the duties and people assigned are available on our website under the About >Who does what link (and summarised on the back page of each newsletter).

Late breaking news and events that we find out about between newsletters are added to [our website](#). 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.

Remember that by logging into the website you may post events of relevance and interesting links yourself.

Volunteers please

As you will have noticed (page 2) this year's YURU is coming up.

We will need YOUR help to make this a success.

The EXPO is at the Paraparaumu Library:

10am to 4pm, August 16th and 17th (Sat/Sun).

Anyone able to help with distribution of posters, fliers, please collect copies from the monthly meeting to distribute around your community groups etc.

During the weekend we will also need help with, in particular:

- assisting with set up Friday evening 5pm to 7.30pm and dismantling on Sunday afternoon

4-5pm.

- supervision (for security, no technical knowledge required) of the data projector/laptop which will be continuously displaying prepared power points
- general help and assistance round the displays, directing people, etc
- person power for the NZSG and Kapiti Branch information and sales table
- research help in the APFHC

Hilary Cunningham would love to add you to her roster: [hilaryc "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:hilaryc@paradise.net.nz) phone 04 971 7986

Online trees

How many of you publish your data online?

Why?

How much of your data?

Which ones?

If not, why not?

Whether or not to use on-line trees has come up in several recent discussions, and as this will be our September monthly meeting topic, how about some user feedback for the next newsletter?

Send comments, suggestions etc to [Editor "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:Editor@KapitiGen.org).



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

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

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Branch fundraisers:**Bag, sweat shirt, t-shirt**

Available from our store

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

**Used ink cartridges**

Please continue to bring your empty cartridges to the monthly Branch meetings or leave them either in or on top of the glass cabinet in the APFHC, Alternatively they may be dropped off to Pat in Raumati, 39 Lorna Irene Drive. If they won't fit in the letterbox just leave them at the front door.

Pat Keppell Ph (04) 299 1100

Kapiti Genealogy on Facebook

Check out [our facebook page](#). You don't need to be a registered user of facebook to read it, simply click on the link if reading this on your computer, or search for Kapiti Genealogy facebook.

Please let Kathy Callaghan have any suggestions as to how best to use this medium.

If a Facebook user, do remember to click "like".

Research Assistance

Members needing assistance with their research, are welcome at the weekly Wednesday morning sessions at the APFHC at the Paraparaumu Library. Alternately, contact your buddy, or use the Kapiti Gen Forum form on our website (<http://www.kapitigen.org/resources/research/genforum/>) to contact our Kapiti Branch Research Officer, Sue Greene.

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Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - in the Who Does What section of the "About" menu.

Newsletter content deadline: Saturday after 1st Wednesday

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

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher NB: To ensure publication, submissions **must** be received by deadline

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

June Branch Meeting

How to:

Lorna enlightened us all on FreeCen (<http://FreeCen.org.uk>), free census transcribed by volunteers who most often reside in the parish where they live, and therefore have local knowledge of surnames. I (Frances) for one was surprised at the number of parishes now covered by this excellent site. It has grown since I last used it.

Report on NZSG Conference:

Five conference attendees spoke, each choosing a lecture they particularly enjoyed. Frances spoke on Don Hansen's early NZ census and other early records; Michael Gaffaney on Amy Joseph's publishing your research, and the Irish Interest Group meeting; Meryl Opie on Adrian Humphris' What City Archives can tell us about Wellington's early settlers; Denice spoke on Dr Brad & Kathryn Patterson's Forgotten Irish soldiers discharged in NZ, Archive NZ's digitisation and listing project, and Irish

Tithe records online and the use of maps to show where ancestors resided; Clive informed the meeting about the NZSG Annual Meeting and NZSG matters; and Lorna finished off an interesting meeting with Colleen Fitzpatrick's Plenary sessions – The identification of unknown child on the Titanic, Forensic genealogy: CSI Meets Roots, The secrets of Abraham Lincoln's DNA, and on the additional lecture scheduled instead of the DNA panel, "The Hand in the Snow", the crash of NorthWest Flight 4422 in Alaska in 1948.

(some of Colleen's case histories can be found on her web site <http://www.identifiers.com>)

Next Meeting
Tuesday Aug 26th
Heather Smith: British Home
Children