



Convenor's Comment

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

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Greetings Kapiti Genealogy Members.

First of all I wish to express my condolences to Mary Braddock on the recent loss of her husband Paul. I'm sure you will all join me in in passing on to Mary our deepest sympathy at this time. For those of you who attend our monthly meetings regularly Mary is the branch member volunteer who looks after the name tags and has them laid out at each meeting ready for you to pick up.

The "Focus Group" met recently to make suggestions for our 2015 programme. If it all comes to fruition we are in for another exciting year of interesting topics at our branch meetings and sessions in the library. Briefly I can tell you that the year will start off with another session of your presentations of newspaper clippings from Papers Past / Trove or your other favourite newspaper site(s). At this early stage of planning it is hoped to have a session on Family search; showing you how research was carried out for the YURU 2014 presentation of Soldiers' Tales from the Trenches; services available from NZSG; things Scottish; National

Library and Digitization; war postcards; Encyclopedia New Zealand; Archives NZ youtube project.

I don't know about you but I continue to receive emails from newly found cousins overseas. One of these dealt with a section of the family tree I had not looked at for many years—the TURLEY family. I am amazed at how this family spread from Birmingham to all corners of the world. The numbers in the USA are phenomenal and there is no wonder when you find that one of the family who emigrated to the USA had many sons who in turn also had numerous sons. Multiple marriages of those belonging to the Mormon Church helped to spread of the family name from Ontario, Canada where they immigrated to from the UK through to Ohio and along the wagon treks into Utah, stopping in the various states along the way. It's a fascinating story.

We look forward to seeing you at our final meeting for the year.

Bill McKeich

Convenor

**This month's meeting
Tuesday Nov 25th Michael
Gaffaney "Back to Our Past
conference in Dublin"; and End
of Year Function**

On line family trees - WorldConnect



This time I'll cover one of the older, but still good, sites you can easily publish your data to.

RootsWeb's WorldConnect. - <http://wc.rootsweb.com>

What you will need:

A GEDCOM file of data that you wish to publish.

How will you get that?

From your genie program's File Export options.

(This might be covered in a later newsletter for some of the more common programs.)

Who will you include?

Depends!

What are you trying to achieve?

I have several trees published on WorldConnect.

My main one consists of all of my relations and their connections, basic BDM and census data only.

My second tree consists of my fishing trip, usually families researched because they are highly suspected to belong to mine, generally from data/place proximity, or dna matches, but the proof is lacking.

Others belong to my one name studies.

All provide a quickly updated, quickly referred to place for people to easily see where someone "fits" in either a individual/family view or a pedigree, or in a descendant chart.

What to include?

All data or just key events? All/some people?

Genie programs vary in their flexibility on how, or whether, you can select only certain branches or events/facts for output.

RootsWeb has some options on removing either people or events from the published tree under their Settings tab.

Whereas it is easy to remove eg all facts of a certain type, it would get very tedious to use this RootsWeb facility to remove a large number of specific individuals that way.

If your main program is not as flexible as you wish, why not try another, even if only to check the exported GEDCOM is what you want others to see in the end result?

How to load (or update) your file

If you already have an ancestry account you can use that, if not, start by registering an account with RootsWeb. It's free.

Log in and chose the Start Here link

Submit Your Family Tree To WorldConnect

[Start Here](#)

[Also, go here to update or correct your existing Family Tree](#)

[Click here](#) to access the old standard and advanced tree upload and edit tools

[FAQs and HELP](#)

You will be taken to the main Tree Administration page where you can either Add a new tree, or replace/amend an existing one.

All your trees are shown on this tab with overview information, including whether or not it is visible to the public.

To update an existing tree, click on it.

To add new, click Add New

Pick a short (3-16 character) Identifier for your tree and give it a more descriptive title.

Read and understand the Acceptable Use Policy and living person privacy filter.

Click through to the next screen to select and upload your file.

It will be immediately processed, but not yet indexed in searches.

You can now view the tree, but more importantly, particularly if you haven't already set global settings for all your RootsWeb trees, adjust your settings.

Any of your trees can be deleted at any time.

All of the option pages have a box top right you can tick to make your settings the default for new trees.

Tree Settings

[Display Options](#)
[Living Person Options](#)
[GEDCOM Download Options](#)
[Owner Information](#)

[Manage Post-ems](#)

[Replace Tree with New GEDCOM](#)

[Download GEDCOM](#)

[Take Tree Offline](#)
[Delete Tree](#)

[WorldConnect FAQs](#)

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November Branch Meeting

When: Tuesday November 25th 7 pm—9 pm **Where:** Kapiti Community Centre

Who: Michael Gaffaney

Back to Our Past conference in Dublin

End of Year Function and Raffle

Kathy's search for a man



This photo was published in the NZ Freelance Magazine in Feb 1945. The writing says:

This happy snapshot was taken at a welcome by New Zealanders living in Sydney, to Kiwi servicemen returning to the Dominion, and British brides and children travelling to their new homes. L.A.C. Eric Connor of Wairoa looks after 6 month old Patricia Andersen, daughter of a Kiwi sapper, during the mother's temporary absence. Patricia is very intent on a scone.

The photo was taken in Sydney, Australia, when my mother, a war bride, and my eldest sister were en-route to NZ. With the 70th anniversary of their arrival in NZ, my sister and I thought we would like to know something about the serviceman in the photo. So I set about trying to find his family. I checked all the usual repositories, such as NZSG Kiwi Index, Electoral Rolls, Archives NZ and Papers past. I could not find reference to Eric Connor.

Col Ray Seymour, ex-curator of Waiouru Army Museum, offered to try. Ray gave permission to share the steps he took to solve this mystery.

He listed known information.

- A photograph of a man in uniform
- A name of this man, shown to be "Eric Connor"
- His rank, shown to be "L.A.C." - or "Leading Aircraftsman"
- A place of his allegiance - given as "Wairoa"
- Information from owner of photograph: Taken February 1945 in Sydney.

Then he did his own investigations.

Confirmed that the individual was a New Zealand serviceman - based on the "NEW ZEALAND" patch on his right sleeve and that he was RNZAF - based on his uniform [and the style of his hair!].

Guessed that he appeared to be about 40 years old, and therefore was born circa 1915.

Having put the "facts" down, he commenced his search.

a. Searched the Electoral Rolls for an "Eric Connor". Found an "Eric Murray Connor" in the 1969 Electoral Roll, a locomotive assistant, in Papanui, Christchurch. The last record of him was 1981, Christchurch, a shunter. He did not expect our "Eric Connor", to be a shunter, based on the guess that if he was circa 1915, he should have retired.

b. Searched Electoral Roll in Wairoa. He could not find Eric Connor but did find an Eric Hugh O'Connor on the 1946 roll, living at the Tuai Coop, Tuai. 1954 he was living at an address in Wairoa. Last entry was in the 1972 Roll.

c. Searched Archway (Archives NZ) and found:

- Eric Frederick Connor, who died in Auckland 1974, recorded as a clerk.
- A 1971 divorce entry for Eric Murray Connor, in Christchurch.
- Eric Hugh O'Connor - Former Serviceman's Rehabilitation File and probate, 1990 - in Wairoa.

d. Searched PapersPast but no hits. Also no record on the Auckland Cenotaph Database.

e. Searched White Pages - "O'Connor"+"Wairoa". Located an O'Connor still living at the last given address for Eric Hugh O'Connor. Rang that number and found the daughter of an Eric Hugh O'Connor who had served in the RNZAF. She knew about the photo saying she was about to give them to the RSA. I rang her and found our photos were different - hers had my mother as well. The family never knew who the woman was in the photo (or the baby)! So we shared our photos and solved a mystery.



Thinking ahead to January - "Here is the News"

Last year's January meeting was a very successful "Here is the News". Such a success that we've decided to repeat it.

In your research you come across some fascinating stories, juxtapositions on a newspaper page, red herrings, bits of social history that bring our ancestors' lives to life.

Bring along your favourite snippet from any online newspaper and speak about it for a maximum of 10 minutes.

If possible, please provide the online link prior to the session so that we can prepare the look-ups to project onto the screen.

APFHC News



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

Help Sessions

Please note that the Wed am sessions at the APFHC where volunteers are available to help you are scheduled to end for 2014 on the 17th December. Sessions will resume on Jan 28th, 2015.

You can, of course, present your card at the library information desk to collect the genealogy key, and research on your own at any time the library is open.

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.

The Kapiti Genealogy Menu

Remember that you no longer have to load physical cds.

Simply click on the image of the cd beside the resource you want to view, then click on the title

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

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. Supplies of these are available for purchase at a bargain price at the Wednesday morning sessions.

Computers

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.

From the editor

I need to subcontract a section of the newsletter!

One of the reasons the newsletter comes out late, other than my not setting aside enough time to pull everything together and find content for the gaps, is the section on new resources (page 5).

As I trawl through the site blogs and assorted newsletters and blogs looking for new content to bring to your attention in the New Resources Section I get sidetracked.

“Oh, that looks fascinating, wonder if x y or z appear?”

and off I go on a completely separate tangent.

Perhaps you can help?

So, a serious question, is there anyone who would like to be similarly sidetracked, but be willing to present this section in its entirety to the editor in time for the newsletter publication every month (apart from December)?

If you think you can help, please respond to [Editor “at” KaitiGen.org](mailto:Editor@atKaitiGen.org)

Extract from Chris Paton's British Genes blog - about the website revamp for the **Dictionary of the Scots Language (Dictionar o the Scots Leid)** at www.dsl.ac.uk.

“The site is one of the real workhorses of Scottish history research, allowing you in a single database to look up Scots words from two sources - the Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue, for words from the 12th century-1700 (Older Scots), and The Scottish National Dictionary for more recent vocabulary (Modern Scots) from 1700-2005. ...One of my all time favourite finds in this dictionary was an explanation for the word 'football' which kept popping up in some 18th century weaver's incorporation records from Perth that I was transcribing. Several entries noted those wishing to join the incorporation being asked to pay both for their entry money and their 'football'. I had no idea why Perth was so apparently sport conscious, but it soon turned out that they weren't. A football was in fact 'a sum of money paid by a married entrant member of a merchant guild on behalf of his wife to allow her to share in the benefits of the common fund'.

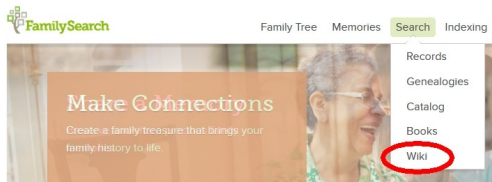
New resources to explore

Family Search

Australia, New South Wales, Cemetery, Military, and Church Record Transcripts, 1816-1982. Described as “Card file of cemetery transcripts and a few other record sources created by Clarice (Taylor) Cubbins (1916-2014). ... Most of the cemeteries are from New South Wales; however, there are some from the Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, and Western Australia. There are also a few from British New Guinea. ... also cards representing military veterans from "rolls of honour" and "war memorials" as well as some passenger lists of military personnel. Also includes data culled from a few Church records. Images in this collection were created from microfilm made from Clarice's cardfile during the 1980s.”

Nova Scotia Probate Records, 1760-1993 The records include estate files, inventories, wills, administrations and other records related to probate. Most of the records are dated from 1800-1940, but coverage varies by area.

Remember that it is always worthwhile checking the FamilySearch notes against any specific “collection” that you are searching. Many have “Learn More” links to further information, often in their [Wiki](#), or also to the source of the data, eg a record office or archive.



FindMyPast

Those of us with **Devon** ancestry are being increasingly well catered for at FindMyPast. The [Devon Wills Index 1163-1999](#) contains over 250,000 records proved by 30 courts.

Over 705,000 new records have been added to their collection of [Devon parish baptisms 1444-1915](#) in partnership with South West Heritage Trust and Parochial Church Council.

Over 164,000 new records have been added to [Devon Parish Banns 1538-1915](#).

Dublin: Pettigrew & Oulton's Dublin Almanac & General Register of Ireland 1835-1845 has been added to our collection of Newspapers, Directories and Social History records.

The FindMyPast blog contains links to several interesting sounding “live broadcasts”.

<http://blog.findmypast.com.au/2014/findmypast-live-broadcast-tracing-your-irish-ancestors/>

<http://blog.findmypast.com.au/2014/findmypast-live-broadcast-exploring-british-newspapers/>

were two that I noticed in particular.

Dick Eastman's newsletter

Thank you to Dick for alerting us to the following: As post from the **Essex Record Office** about their Wills database <http://www.essexrecordofficeblog.co.uk/where-theres-a-will-major-update-to-essex-ancestors/> - “about 70,000 wills which date from the 1400s to 1858. Digital images of about 20,000 of these wills have been available on our online subscription service [Essex Ancestors](#) for some time, and we have just uploaded a further 22,500”

(Family Search has an indexed collection of “England, Essex Parish Registers, 1503-1997” (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1465709>))

If you have any **American** relations likely to have served in WWII, Fold is offering **free access** to their **WWII records** until the end of November <http://blog.fold3.com/free-access-to-the-world-war-ii-collection/>

Ancestry

Caernarfonshire, **Wales**, Lleyn and Eifionydd Church Registers and Gravestone Inscriptions, 1600-1902

York, Yorkshire, England, St. Michael le Belfrey Parish Register, 1565-1653

England & Wales, **Non-Conformist** and Non-Parochial Registers, 1567-1970

MyHeritage

<http://blog.myheritage.com/2014/10/baby-names-rules-around-the-world/#more-40112> proved rather more fascinating than I thought it might! There are some intriguing naming restrictions in different countries.

Also announced “millions of new records to [SuperSearch](#).” including:

[Denmark Civil Marriages, 1851-1961](#): Nearly 100,000 civil marriage registers in Denmark.

[England, Norfolk: Bishop's Transcripts, 1685-1941](#) and [Register of Electors, 1844-1952](#)

[South Africa, Methodist Parish Registers, 1822-1996](#): Baptisms, marriages, and burials recorded in various

Methodist parishes in South Africa.

Have you found an interesting resource worth sharing? Why not log in to our website and add a comment with a link under the appropriate country in the Resources > Links pages? (<http://www.kapitigen.org/resources/links/>)

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.

Nov 22nd: Saturday 12:00 (Kapiti Club, Paraparaumu Beach) End of year lunch. Details last newsletter

Nov 25th: Tuesday 7pm (KCC) Monthly meeting Michael Gaffaney Back to Our Past conference in Dublin; End of Year supper and raffle.

Jan 27th: Tuesday 7pm (KCC) Monthly meeting Here is the news - bring your newspaper "finds" (see pg 3)

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, and worldwide FindMyPast. Public and members welcome. Last session for the year 17th Dec First for 2015 Jan 28th.

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

Sat. Nov 29th: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group (KCC) All day workshop with Jan Gow

Thur. Dec 11th: Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon

You may also be interested in:

Third Tues December 16th 12:noon – 1.00pm Monthly National Library Lunch Time talk . Book your spot by emailing [at Outreach "at" dia.govt.nz](mailto:at Outreach@dia.govt.nz) or calling Cellia Joe on 04 462 3935 - might pay to check there is one in December, not yet published on their Upcoming Events calendar.

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursdays - next session 11 Dec. Restart in 2015 on Thursday 12th Feb

Legacy

Saturday 29th November - All day workshop with Jan Gow QSM. It's not too late to register. \$30 for the day. Starts 9am (doors open 8am) Kapiti Senior Citizens Centre, Paraparaumu Beach.

Further details on our website [tagged as Legacy](#), link under the Legacy Interest Group page.

Although officially covering the use of the Legacy program, always something to be learnt from Jan, and other attendees even if you don't use Legacy.

DNA

Restarts February Sunday 8th 2-4pm (phone Lorna 293 7771 - always happy to help you pick the right test and people for testing to try and solve your genealogy problem).

The ISOGG Wiki (<http://isogg.org/wiki>) contains a wealth of information about DNA testing and how it can, and cannot, help you with your genealogy.

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

Round Robins

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](#).

A highlight from the May 2014 Who Do You Think You Are? Northern Ireland BMD records online.

Available at nidirect.gov.uk/family-history at prices more comparable to ScotlandsPeople although you will lose unused credits at the end of 24 months of inactivity or a topup of more credits. Wonder when the English GRO will take the hint? Like NZ only historic civil records are available via this system 1845 up, births over 100 years ago, marriages over 75 deaths over 50, but the images are available immediately. You could visit of course!

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 25 November 2014

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start.

Supper roster: A-E

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 Colleen MANKELOW and Hans van der HELM

School records transcription project

If you are willing to take part in this project please contact the coordinator, John Glover ([pamandjohn "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:pamandjohn@paradise.net.nz))

30 year history

To include your stories in the 30 Year History of Kapiti Genealogy that Clive is compiling on our behalf, please contact Clive on 04 293 7631 or drop us a message through the Secretary ([Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:Secretary@KapitiGen.org)).

If you are prepared to write a story he would be delighted!

Late breaking news and events that we find out about between newsletters are added to [our website](#) and remember that by logging into the website you may post events of relevance and interesting links yourself - and update your own contact details.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, the Committee join in wishing you a festive Christmas/New Year season. May you catch up with a lot of family - and record all your own memories as well.



Pohutukawa (New Zealand Christmas Tree)

Photograph from ChristchurchDailyPhoto.com

October meeting report

How to: Hilary showed an ingenious system for creating and remembering passwords. Particularly stressed was the importance of having a different password for each site.

Should one get hijacked, any potential damage is limited to just that site.

Speaker: Ted (Edward) Turton: Two Edwards, Three centuries and a Black box.

Ted Turton's fascinating presentation centred on a black box, which held documents, records, photographs and memorabilia of his late father, Dr Edward Turton, who died when Ted was aged just four years. Ted was unable to explore his father's life properly until after his mother died in the 1970's. Talking about his father would upset his mother and consequently himself. When he finally was able to examine fully the contents of the black box, he started on a journey of discovering the father he never knew.

Dr Edward Turton, was a Doctor in the Boer War. In the black box were letters he had written home to his mother – effectively a diary, describing in detail events and conditions in which this war was fought. There was one doctor for 11,000 men and up to 40 major surgeries were performed a day.

There was a shortage of food and water and typhoid was rampant.

WWI saw Dr Turton (now a Major) in field hospitals including 3 years in Greece (Stravos). Ted discovered this part of his father's life by reading an article in Papers Past. He had previously ignored this article as it was published in an Ashburton newspaper, which Ted had discounted as irrelevant as his family had no connections to Ashburton. However, it turned out to be a vital link and Ted stressed the importance of not discounting things without proper investigation.

Read everything!

**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, 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.

RootsWeb WorldConnect ctd from page 2

Display options allow you to specify a longer title, and text to display at the top/bottom of each page, link to your web pages, and the default view for visitors.

Living Person options allow you to specify what should happen to any living people you have included in the GEDCOM - remove entirely, or leave them in the file but replace their name with Living, and a text you specify. The individual's birth date is used to determine if they are alive, or if no birth date is provided, they'll approximate a value. You can decide what year to use as the cutoff, but no more recent than 1930.

This is the place to specify individuals or events to be removed from the file.

Hint it is best to have at least an estimated birth date for everyone.

GEDCOM download option. Settings are to not allow any gedcom download, to allow x generations only, up/down from the selected person, or a full download of everyone in the tree.

My personal choice, is to not allow others to download my GEDCOM, either in whole or in part. I prefer people to "meet" each and every one of my relations if they wish to incorporate anything I've published online by at least keying them individually.

Owner information is where you put your name to be displayed and your contact email. The latter cannot be scammed as it appears encoded as an image on the pages. You also choose to be notified, or not, of any post-ems people may add against individuals in your tree

So there's your Christmas project folks. Enjoy.
Lorna Henderson

**Next Monthly Meeting
Tuesday Jan 27th Here is the
News**