

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.

It's been a fairly quiet month for me genealogy wise and I have no idea where this will lead me. I woke this morning to hear the rain tumbling down and immediately thought that my intention to do a bit of gardening was "oot the windae" to quote a Scottish friend of mine and that it would be a good day to sit in front of the computer and compose this.

It did occur to me that you might like to hear how the proposed project to record outstanding records of School Admission and Withdrawals in the Kapiti area was progressing. Approval was given by the Branch Committee at its last meeting to proceed with this. Contact was made with the NZSG Projects Co-ordinator Carole Devereaux and NZSG notified of our decision. Carol has sent me a very comprehensive set of guidelines for us to follow. Included with this was an information sheet to be sent to schools.

I will be contacting Paul Alpe an NZSG Archivist who supplied us with the CD containing the Paraparaumu School Records. Paul has offered to forward to us a template which can be used on PCs and records from the schools entered in a format acceptable to NZSG.

However first things first. We must get together a team of volunteers from within the Branch who would be prepared to assist in this most important project. I already have the names of three volunteers who would be willing to take part including John Glover who lead the original team so many years ago.

If you are willing to take part in this project please contact either myself at [Convenor "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:Convenor@KapitiGen.org) or any other member of the committee. I look forward to hearing from you.

On another matter I am sure that many of you must have stories you can write about for inclusion in the Newsletter. Our Editor, Lorna is desperate for articles to fill up the spaces. I have the opportunity to read other Branch Newsletters and some of the articles provided by the member of those branches make very interesting reading. CAN YOU HELP?

Bill McKeich

Convenor

*(Other branch newsletters are available in the folders at the APFHC;
How about your favourite PapersPast items? - Ed)*

**This month's meeting
Tuesday Sep 23rd
Lorna Henderson "Pleasures
and pitfalls of online trees"**

National Library Tour



On Sept 2nd a group of 14 joined in another tour of the National Library, Wellington lead by Margaret Hurst. Repeat visits are advised as each tour uncovers yet more treasures held there.

In order to request books or documents you must get a readers card. This process takes only a few minutes. Once you have a card you are then able request in advance of your visit or for inter library loan ie: you can request some books to be sent up to Kapiti Libraries. There is another level of registration required if you wish to view original documents. These are part of the Tapuhi collections. Original documents or single editions can only be viewed at the National Library, mostly in the Katherine Mansfield Room, which is a secure room where entry is by swipe card by staff only.

We were given a reminder of some of the books and collections pertinent to genealogy. These include; Newspapers (there are many newspapers other than those on PapersPast); Whites Aviation collection –

historic photos of New Zealand from the air; Some church records; Personal War diaries (some are online); The Dominion newspaper clippings of all births and deaths from 1969 – 1990.

Use of digital cameras is encouraged but you can also use flash drives. To print at the library you purchase a printing card for \$10, copies are 20c a page.

The computers have the regular genealogy websites such as ancestry and Find My past available for free, plus many of the lesser known websites such as The Genealogist.

The library website has many resources which can be searched via the Catalogue Menu. Margaret Hurst suggested if you want to see if others have published documents or books with your family name, then in the search field put in the family name followed by the word family eg: Hurst family.

September Branch Meeting

When: Tuesday September 23rd 7 pm—9 pm
Where: Kapiti Community Centre

Who: Lorna Henderson
What: Pleasures and pitfalls of online trees

How to: Find a specific record collection on FamilySearch

If you find a query in an old periodical giving two related names for which you are searching, it will be a query that you placed yourself four years ago and forgot about

A surprise at the National Library

It always amazes what is held at both the Archives NZ and the National Library. On our branch tour of the National Library this month I decided to do some more searching via the library website. I clicked on the Collections menu <http://natlib.govt.nz/collections> I entered *11th forestry company NZEF*, which was the company my father, Eric Oscar Andersen, was in in WW2. I was not expecting much as I thought that Archives NZ would hold most documents in relation to WW2 documents. I knew of a wonderful book written by David Field on the 11th Forestry Company and now have my own copy of this.

I was very surprised to find the following:

World War 2 Official album. 11th Forestry Company, NZE

Top of Form

Bottom of Form

Date: 1939-1945

Ref: PA1-f-105

Photographs of 11 Forestry Company, New Zealand Engineers taken 1939-1945 by various photographers and compiled for official purposes. Includes group

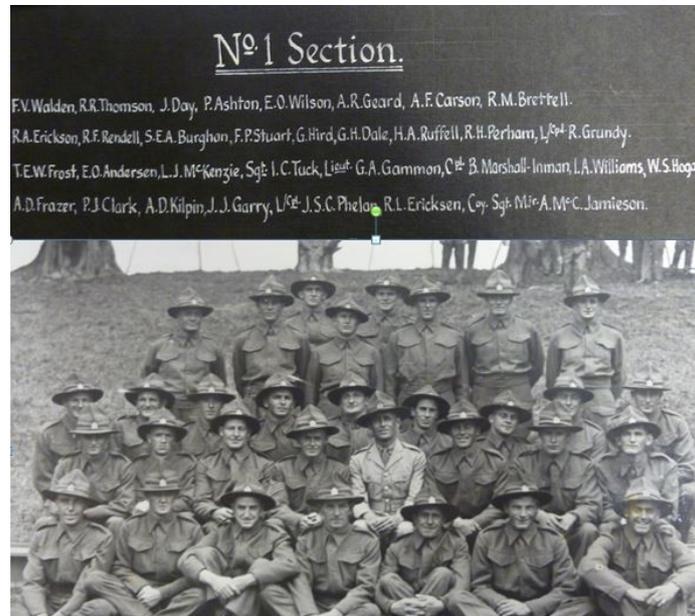
portraits of personnel, scenes in camp in New Zealand and at Castle Combe, Gloucestershire, England. I requested the album and it was a photographic album of the 11 Forestry Company. It included all the Officers, N.C.O's, various sections and even the rugby team!

The most exciting was finding photograph of my father.

I would encourage you to 'think outside the box' when searching or visiting various sites. You never know what you may find.

Kathy Callaghan

Ed: I endorse Kathy's sentiments here. I was once very surprised to find New Plymouth Harbour Board Correspondence in the Wellington Archives and as a result discovered the three week window between which my great grandmother, her mother, and step father have to have arrived in NZ, and the lengths the Harbour Board went to tracking down Capt John Gibson to invite him to be Harbour Master back in the 1860s. Never have checked how many ships arrived in that period though!



An Invitation to Lunch

Would you like to join us for an end of year lunch? You would? Excellent!

Enjoy great fellowship, views and food at The Kapiti Club, Paraparaumu Beach on **Saturday 22**

November. Open to all Kapiti Genealogy members and partners, we will meet at 12 noon for a 12.30 lunch. The 2 course meal will cost \$17.00 and will include complimentary tea and coffee. This will be a

great opportunity to spend time with other members in a comfortable, informal setting. If you think you would like to come along, could you please give an indication of interest by contacting Hilary, by email on [hilaryc "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:hilaryc@paradise.net.nz), or by phone on 04 971 7986 (if you are a Telecom customer you will need to dial the 04) so that we will have an idea of numbers. The more the merrier, so let's make this a fun end-of-year social afternoon.

APFHC News



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

New Acquisitions

We have purchased a copy of *The Berry Boys*, and the *2014 NZSG Conference Proceedings*. Neither have yet been made accessible at the APFHC.

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.

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

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.

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

bargain price at the Wednesday morning sessions.

Computers

The 7th standby computer can only be used for viewing some of the older data not added to the menu on the other 6 computers. If you are missing your favourite old LDS cds, such as the British Vital Records, look online in the appropriate FamilySearch collection instead (How To topic for Sept meeting).

FYI we are aware of a problem with FreeBMD access - not restricted to just the library computers - sand are investigating.

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.

NZSG news

Have you found the District Keys yet?

I'd been using them, but next time I went to check a folio number I couldn't find them again.

Advancing senility!

As I've also been asked where they were, here's a screenshot.

They're under the Record Collections menu item in the Members Area.

And yes that's John Glover peering over the top as NZSG are featuring the photo of Bill handing over the school records to Kapiti School.



Genealogy is the examination of the maximum amount of data in the maximum amount of time for a minimum result.

New resources to explore

Ancestry

New collections include:

The list seemed a bit sparse this last month, mostly consisting of [Country] FindAGrave index additions

FindMyPast

New inclusions announced:

- Australian records, with [inbound passenger lists to Victoria, 1839-1923](#) and [outbound from Victoria 1852-1915](#).
- The ability to attach records found to your family tree on FMP (*like Ancestry the image is attached, unlike ancestry, a fact/event isn't created*)
- Reintroduction of the 1911 address search
- 200,000 new [Surrey marriage index](#) records (1500-1841) from the West Surrey Family History Society., parishes of Abinger, Addington, Albury, Alfold, Ash
- 8,588 new records to their Surrey [strays marriage index 1565-1846](#), ie details of people from the county, who were married in parish churches outside of Surrey.
- 33,275 records added to the [Middlesex Marriage Index 1811 – 1840](#) also from the volunteers of the West Surrey Family History Society
- 708 burials from Eastbourne, East Sussex from the Eastbourne Family History Society volunteers - [Church of St. John in Bodle Street Green covering the years 1843-1987](#).

The Indian Mutiny Medal Roll 1857-1859- 56,608 records that often contain details of the recipient's occupation, injuries received and cause of death (if deceased) as well as regimental and biographical details.

- 21,000 baptism, marriage and burials from the [8,383 Ryedale baptism](#), [5,914 Ryedal marriage](#) and [7,098 Ryedal burial records](#) from 14 different parishes
- 62,625 new parish transcripts of baptism and burial registers added to the collections for Cheshire, Sheffield and North West Kent.
- new titles have been added to the [PERiodical Source Index \(PERSI\)](#). - the "world's largest and most widely used subject index for genealogy and local history literature?". The index now contains over 2.5 million entries from thousands of historical, genealogical and ethnic publications.

Dick Eastman's Newsletter (<http://blog.eogn.com>)

Has begun to review (again) genealogy software programs available for "Windows, Macintosh, Android, Apple iOS, and cloud-based genealogy programs."

Covered so far:

RootsMagic, Legacy, and the new MacBridge that allows Mac users to run RootsMagic without needing Windows or a virtual machine. Plus edition subscribers can access his Comparison charts.

At approximately one a week, it could take a while to work through the list of available programs!

Christmas Raffle

For our November meeting we would like to make up one or two Christmas Hampers for our raffle prize.

We would very much appreciate it if members are able to donate items to add to the Hampers.

Do you think that you could donate a suitable item or two?

If so, please bring items to the Sept, Oct monthly meetings, or if you would prefer, ring Hilary on 04 971 7986 to arrange drop off/pick up.

Your help with this fund raising venture would be very much appreciated.

"Lies, damn lies and statistics"?

Have you found the Statistics online New Zealand Yearbook collection: 1893-2012?

<http://www.stats.govt.nz/yearbooks>

Back in 1893 the Colony of New Zealand consisted of 9 islands: North, Middle, South or Stewart Island, Chatham, Auckland, Campbell, Antipodes, Bounty & Kermadec Islands. Figures from the 1891 census showed amongst other items: "The number of bachelors aged 20 and upwards was 70,197, and of spinsters aged 15 and upwards 67,000, being 105 bachelors to every 100 spinsters. In Canterbury and Otago only were the spinsters in excess of the bachelors, but notably so in Canterbury.

The number of husbands was 90,371, and of wives 90,765, giving an excess of 394 of the latter."

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.

Sep 18th: Thursday 5:30 pm to 7pm (APFHC) Overview of our resources and how to access them.

Sep 23rd: Tuesday 7pm (KCC) Monthly meeting Lorna Henderson Pitfalls and pleasures of online trees

Oct 28th: Tuesday 7pm (KCC) Monthly meeting Ted Turton "A Black Box, Two Edwards and Three Centuries"

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.

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

Thur. Oct 9th: Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon

Sat Oct 11th: DNA group (Lorna's 293 7771) 2 - 4pm NB Saturday, not Sunday this time

Sat. Oct 25th: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group (KCC) 2 to 4pm doors open 1:30pm. \$2 door charge

You may also be interested in:

Age on the Go Saturday 11th Oct 9:30 - 3pm War Memorial Hall, Waikanae

Third Tues October 21st 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

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursdays - next session Oct 9th. 10 to 12 noon

Legacy

Next session Oct 25th. 2 to 4pm

Remaining meeting for 2014

Saturday 29th November - All day workshop with Jan Gow QSM. Details to be worked out soon.

DNA

Next meeting Saturday **NB not usual Sunday**, 11th October 2-4pm (phone 293 7771) will revisit the topic of "I've received all these matches, what do I do now?" Along with any questions of course.

This recent article highlighted that dna doesn't lie and you really need to consider how you, and others, may react if the results don't indicate expected relationships or reveal unexpected ones.

["I gave my parents the gift of divorce"](#)

Counteracting this example however are all the wonderful examples about adoptees finding their birth families, and researchers breaking down long standing brick walls.

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

Round Robins

Featuring the Dec 2013 FamilyTree magazine (in the red [2014](#) FamilyTree magazine folder );

Content includes an article to aspire to, "Discover your 16th century family tree"; an article on how to write a family history to remember, including tips for sources, copyright, sensitivity to family secrets - followed by an interview with Steve Robinson, author of the wonderful genealogical detective novels "In the Blood", "To the Grave" and "The Last Queen of England", along with the usual quota of useful tips and hints.

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](#).

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 22 September 2014

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start.

Supper roster: P - T

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 John & Gennie BARTON, and apologise to John NEVIN for calling him James.

School records

See Convenor's Comment on the front page for information about a pending project to bring the transcriptions/indexes, and hopefully digital records of the local schools up to date.

If you are willing to take part in this project please contact [Convenor "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:Convenor@KapitiGen.org)

This sprung from the recent fire at Paraparaumu School, see the [Kapiti News article](#) p3 of the 27 Aug 2014 edition



PIECES TO THE PUZZLE: Members of New Zealand Society of Genealogists have handed over a hard copy of Paraparaumu School records, lost in this month's fire. From left, Peter Gibson, Bill McKelch, school principal Steven Caldwell, pupil Emerson Walker, 5, and John Glover.

PHOTO: CLOE WILLETTTS / KAPITIGEN.NZSG

Christmas lunch

Check out page 3 for an addition to our programme for the year - Christmas lunch 22nd November.

Age on the Go

We will be participating in this year's Age on the Go expo on 11th Oct (War Memorial Hall, Waikanae). Volunteers to help staff our table would be appreciated.

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

August Branch Meeting

British Home Children

Heather gave us a very interesting talk about her grandfather who, as a 16 year old child, was shipped out from England to Canada and set to work on a farm as a labourer. From 1869 to 1948 various workhouses, sheltered home, orphanages and child care organizations such as Barnado's sent over 100,000 orphaned, abandoned, pauper children ages 1 to 18 to Canada and other Commonwealth countries. They have come to be known as the British Home Children. The children were equipped with a trunk; a "good" set of clothes; a Bible; and a copy of "The Pilgrim's Progress".

The idea of giving children from the poorer areas of Great Britain a "better life" in the Colonies may have originally been seen as a benevolent move, however it was not long before the children were being set to work as, what can really only be described as, slave labour. They were often poorly fed and clothed, and had to work out in the fields in all weathers.

Mostly the children were about 16 years of age, but there were many who were much younger who were generally put up for adoption. The boys were usually indentured to a farmer, and the girls put into service, until they reached the age of 18, at which point they could leave and do other things. Unfortunately, many of them were never paid the small allowance that was due to them, so were left with few opportunities to advance in life.

It is estimated that over 4 million of the Canadian population, that is 12%, are a descendant of a Home Child.

You can find more information on British Home Children on the following site:

<http://canadianbritishhomechildren.weebly.com/>

How to:

Deborah Shuker explained how to access military personnel files from the Archives

**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,

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.

Elections/Women's Franchise

Have you voted yet?.

Regardless of your political persuasion or sex, it is your democratic right to vote. As we know, this was not always the case.

Back in 1893 Kate Shepherd and her colleagues of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union fought for, and gained, a hard won right for the privilege we now take for granted.

The Women's Suffrage Petition as it is known, signed by "Mary J Carpenter and 25,519 others" that finally swung the Government of the day to introduce and enact the legislation giving women the right to vote, is held at Archives NZ in Wellington.

A card index of the signatures on the Petition used to be available in the main reading room (possibly still is) but the Petition has been digitised and a database can be searched by name at www.nzhistory.net.nz/media/photo/suffrage-petition-1893.

I was extremely disappointed to discover that none of

my female ancestors feature. Why I have no idea as they were all feisty women as far as I can ascertain however several smaller petitions with some 6,300 names were also signed and although they have not survived I would like to think that my grandmothers' and great grandmother's signatures are on one of those.

Because NZ general elections are held on Saturdays in modern times, the 2014 NZ General Election was held exactly 121 years and one day after the enactment of the legislation and assent by Governor Glasgow on 19 September 1893.

Denice McCarten

Next Month's Meeting
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