

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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Kia ora everyone!

Hopefully you have all been having continued success with your family research.

Remember to bring your success stories to the meeting to share with other members – there is nothing more motivating than hearing about other people's breakthroughs!

Our open day, held at the Paraparaumu Library on the 15th August kept our volunteers busy, with many visitors keen to explore our resources. Thank you to Ian, and to everyone who came along to help, your assistance was much appreciated by our visitors. Thanks also to all of you who advertised this opportunity to members of the public. It was certainly well attended and I am sure that we will be welcoming some new and enthusiastic family researchers into the Branch as a result.

If you do see someone new at our meetings, please do introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Remember, we were all new once upon a time, and it sometimes takes a while to get to know other people.

What a marvellous speaker we had last month. Glen Reddiex gave us a very interesting and informative glimpse into the world of WWI postcards. I really liked the way he used the postcard as a point from which to research the story behind the story, and the depth of information he was able to find out about his subject. Very inspiring. Also, it was so nice to see so many of

you bring along your own collections to show to members. Well done!

Those wishing more information may look at Glenn's profile on google+ (<https://plus.google.com/107093341460597269917/posts>) and explore his 100 postcards blog (<http://100nzww1postcards.blogspot.co.nz/>) where he is sharing 100 postcards from his collection to help commemorate New Zealand's First World War Centenary.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

If you are not able to attend because of transport issues, please let me know. Perhaps we can find someone willing to bring you along.

Contact me on [Convenor "at" KapitiGen.org](#) if you would like us to look into it for you.

Regards

Hilary

**This month's meeting is on
Tuesday August 25th 7-9 pm**

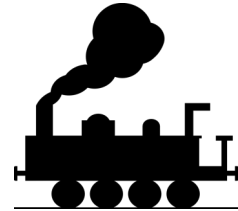
**"Tales from the Trenches"
Videos of WW1**

**How to: find your family
innovator.
Ian Brooking**

August Branch Meeting

When: August 25th at 7-9pm
Where: Kapiti Community centre
What: 'Tales from the Trenches'
From a choice of videos depicting WWI shown at the exhibition in 2014.

How to: **Is there an innovator in your family tree?**
Ian Brooking will show you how to find out.



Branch News

**Guided Tour of National Library New Zealand
Tuesday 1st September 2015, Starting at 10.30am
Meeting in the Foyer
Corner of Molesworth Street and Aitken Street, Wellington.**

If you would like to take a guided tour of National Library New Zealand, then this is your opportunity. This tour is suitable for both experienced and not so experienced genealogists. You may be surprised just what is held there.

The tour is approximately 1 hour duration. It will give a general overview of National Library NZ, with a focus on Genealogy and Family History. A moderate amount of walking and standing will be involved.

We recommend that the group takes the 9.00am train from Waikanae (9.05 Paraparaumu). It is a short walk to Molesworth St from Wellington Station (slightly uphill). You can use your Gold Card from 9.00am (return voyage by 3pm). Of course you can use private transport. A day Rover fare is \$14.00 if you do not have a gold card.

After the tour you can stay and do some research. All bags will need to be left in lockers on site, free of charge. The café is located on the 1st floor, so you can stay and have lunch if you wish.

In preparation for the tour, it may be useful to visit <http://www.natlib.govt.nz>

**Numbers are limited so please register
by Fri 28th August
email: Kathy Callaghan at kathycallaghan@gmail.com or Ph: 297 0733**

Family History Month

Our Research Day on Saturday August 15th kept our helpers busy getting members of the public started on answering queries about their ancestors.

Don't forget the exciting experience of travelling on the Passendale train this Saturday, August 22nd, to Otaki where the YURU WWI exhibition, "Soldiers in the Trenches", is being staged

July meeting report

Our guest speaker, Glenn Reddiex, gave a slick and informative presentation on his collection of postcards from WWI, with clear easy-to-read images. He explained the fascination of postcards from the 'front' and how messages were conveyed by the choice of card as well as in the words.

Deborah Shuker brought along an album of embroidered cards to pass around.



On left:
Glenn Reddiex
presents his well
illustrated talk.

On right:
Glenn's journey
featured his great great
uncle, Private George
Douglas Fox, who was
killed in action on 8th



How to notes - Online Newspapers

PapersPast (NZ) and Trove (Australian) we all know well.

For the UK explore either the Gale Newspaper collection available via your NZ Society of Genealogists Subscription or the British Newspapers 1710-1953 available on our computers at the APFHC under FindMyPast? Someone must have done a comparison between the two collections, but basically, if you can't find what you're looking for on one, try the other if you can. The Gale collection is entitled *British Newspapers, 1600-1950*. Both include other countries, FindMyPast offering Irish and US & World newspaper filters, and Gale via NZSG including the Times Digital Archive and 19th century US Newspapers, amongst other collections.

For current New Zealand, and an amazing collection of other countries' newspapers, why not try using your library card and accessing the online collections that gives you.

"Current" seems to vary - one we looked at the last monthly meeting went back some years, The Dominion Post seems to only be a few months. These are full page images, not the snippets you get from eg Stuff or the NZHerald online.

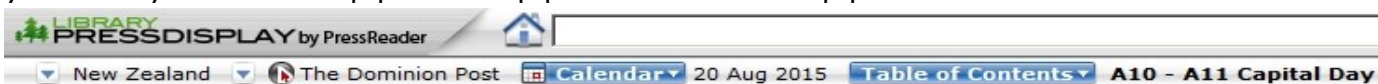
To access log in to <http://kapiticoastlibraries.govt.nz>. There is a newspaper index on the left which can be searched but for the images of the papers themselves click on Home, scroll down to Services and select Online Resources > Newspapers > Library Press Display

Navigate through your paper of choice using the thumbnails and note the viewing controls at the bottom of the screen to enlarge font, select



Pressdisplay: Read today's newspapers online in full-colour, full-page format. Over 800 newspapers, from 80 countries in 40 languages, available from New Zealand and around the world

sections, print, email page etc. A context sensitive menu bar directly above the paper allows you to change any of your country of choice/newspaper/date of paper/content of current paper.



Be prepared to get sidetracked onto all the other resources on offer from your library, let alone the newspapers!
Lorna

APFHC News



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

Help Sessions

Bev is always glad to hear from anyone able to volunteer their services to help. Thanks to those of you who have offered to help. More volunteers are always welcome and appreciated by members needing assistance.

Relocation at the library

The APFHC has now been relocated on the ground floor of the Paraparaumu library.

The desk layout does not allow as much space for notes etc. so have your research well organised to make the most of your time.

The key to access our cabinet can be obtained from the library issues desk. Our computers have covers to try and protect them from external abuse. Please could you replace the cover when you have finished your research session., as well as locking the keyboard in the cupboard.

Please remember that any matters relating to the Genealogy Society should be taken up with a committee member, **not** library staff.

Orientation Session.

The next session will be held on Thursday September 17th from 5.30 - 7pm, upstairs in the new education centre at the Paraparaumu Library. It will focus on Family Search.

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

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 issues 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.

Remember that if you cannot print, you can usually save your search results to a USB stick, supplies being 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.



Advanced warning.

This is a notice advising of a forthcoming event to be held in Wellington during Labour Weekend, 23-26 October 2015.

A celebration of 165 years of Catholic Education will include a CLASS of 1960 REUNION for former pupils who attended Sacred Heart Convent School, Guildford Terrace.

Resources to explore

ScotlandsPeople has issued statutory birth, marriage and death indexes for 2014. Updated indexes for statutory records until the end of 2014, and images for births until 1914, marriages until 1939 and deaths until 1964.

FindmyPast

1939 Register coming soon

In 1939, on the eve of the Second World War, the UK government introduced an act that would allow them to gather vital information about the country's population. This information would inform decisions on identity cards and rationing.

In 2015 Findmypast, in partnership with The National Archives, are publishing the Register online, for the first time. The 1939 Register provides unprecedented insight into a country on the verge of war, and bridges the gap in Census records caused by this war.

You can sign up to receive updates on the release of the Register from [Findmypast](http://findmypast.com).

All at sea!

For those of you who are NZSG members, one of the benefits of membership is the Members Mailing List (MemList).

Very helpful and knowledgeable members sharing their expertise to all.

Instructions on how NZSG members may join this list can be found, when logged in (<http://genealogy.org.nz>) on the NZSG website.

Select Members Area, then Members Mailing List, which will take you to the instruction page http://genealogy.org.nz/Members_Mailing_List_20.aspx

One of the recent gems posted was the registration of births and marriages at sea (on British ships).

"I found this letter to the editor from 1905 <http://archive.spectator.co.uk/article/4th-march-1905/17/to-what-parish-do-those-born-at-sea-belong> and this 1950 article

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/63179946> "

Ancestry Academy <http://academy.ancestry.com> has added four new courses to its repertoire. *The Mystery of Manuscripts*, with Pamela Boyer Sayre Find manuscripts and other original documents can be difficult to locate.

Tracing French-Canadian Ancestors and Learning Their Stories, with David Ouimette,
How Do I Know When I Am Right? with Anne Gillespie Mitchell. Some basic steps you to help you decide whether you've found the answer.
Seek and Ye Shall Find: Become an Ancestry Search

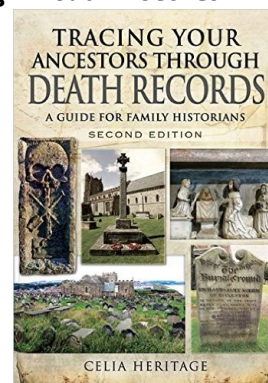
Expert, with Anne Gillespie Mitchell.
How to create a search plan and control your results as you search Ancestry and compare targeted versus global searches of records on Ancestry.

Merchant Navy Apprentices 1824-1919

Ancestry have just added over 300,000 indexed entices of apprentices on merchant navy ship.

Tracing Your Ancestors Through Death Records

Check out the August LostCousins Newsletter (<http://lostcousins.com/newsletters2/aug15news.htm>) for an interesting book review, amongst other comments, reminding us to also consult the many records created after a death.



PapersPast

A catch up on recent-ish additions to Papers Past: (June 2015):

[Manawatu Standard \(1916-1920\)](#)

[Manawatu Times \(1916-1920\)](#)

[Mataura Ensign \(1915-1920\)](#)

[Nelson Evening Mail \(1919-1920\)](#)

[New Zealander \(1853-1866\)](#)

[Patea Mail \(1875-1903\)](#)

[Pukekohe & Waiuku Times \(1921-1924\)](#)

[Southland Times \(1906-1920\)](#)

[Waikato Argus \(1896-1914\)](#)

May 2015:

[Alexandra Herald and Central Otago Gazette \(1902-1948\)](#)

[Hawke's Bay Herald \(July-December 1894, 1901-1904\)](#)

[Samoa Times and South Sea Advertiser \(1888-1896\)](#)

[Samoa Times and South Sea Gazette \(1877-1881\)](#)

[Samoa Weekly Herald \(1892-1900\)](#)

[Samoanische Zeitung \(1903-1920\)](#)

[Sun \(1916-1920\)](#)

[Thames Advertiser \(April 1897-March 1898\)](#)

[Waikato Times \(July-December 1887\)](#)

[Wairarapa Standard \(1867-1887\)](#)

[Wanganui Herald \(1910-1920\)](#)

[West Coast Times \(September-December 1878, 1910-1916\)](#)

Obituaries:

<http://amemorytree.co.nz>

<http://www.iannounce.co.uk/>

Dates for Your Diary

Kapiti Genealogy

Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre, Ground Floor, North West Corner 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.

August 25th: Tuesday 7pm (KCC) Monthly meeting 'Tales from the Trenches.' WWI videos

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. September 10th: Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon

Sunday October 11th: DNA interest group 2-4pm at Lorna's. For all those interested in DNA for genealogy.

Sat. August 29th: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group (KCC)

You might also be interested in:

Tuesday 1st September. Tour of the National Library. See page 2 of this newsletter for details.

Thursday 17th September. 5.30-7pm. Overview of APFHC resources for branch members This session will focus on familysearch.org.

Thursday 24th September from 9.30am to approx 2pm - a series of sessions on FamNet at the Waikanae Chartered Club, hosted by the Waikanae Family History Group.

Morning tea on arrival. \$10 lunch in the restaurant at 12 noon.

Robert Barnes will be there to do the presentations, designed to help FamNet members to become more proficient at using the database.s

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursdays - next session **Thursday September 10th** for help with any Australian research.

DNA

Two monthly, 2nd Sat or Sun of month, (alternates between Sat and Sun) - next session **Sunday**

October 11th 2-4pm (phone Lorna 293 7771 for directions)

Informal (free) group for anyone interested in adding dna testing to the genealogy toolkit.

You never know what, or who, you'll find or learn, and have the added bonus of potentially validating uncertain or missing paper trails.

Last month we explored the visual presentation of your FamilyFinder results available via the Autosomal DNA Segment Analyzer tool on DNAGedCom.com.

Legacy Users

Next session **Saturday August 29th, 2-4pm.**

August Subject : Charting

Everyone is welcome to our meetings. Cost \$3, pay at the door. Tea and coffee available.

Researching the London blitz?

Denice McCarten found this interesting map, of all the WWII London bomb sites, on the NZSG website. If you were a 'war baby', or are researching London at that period, it is worth a look.

www.bombsight.org

Another site in the same vein is 'Britain from Above' which covers aerial photos taken between 1919 and 1953.

People can join in to identify items in the photos etc. The address for that is

www.britainfromabove.org.uk. Both sites are fascinating and complement each other.

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday August 25th 2015

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

Our new members for this month are Stephen PERRY & Luke ANDERSON.

We hope you'll get great benefit from your membership and enjoy our facilities. There is help available to help on your voyage of discovery.

How to?

The Committee would like to know what topics you would like covered in our meeting "How to" session. It is an opportunity to find out how to work round any little quirk in a programme you're using or how to make the most of the extensive facilities we have available. Nothing is too simple or odd. Please give us your ideas. It's your Society!

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))

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.

National Library Talks

The next month's talk is on **Tuesday 15th September, 10-1pm** when Mark Bagnall will be

The next Conservation Clinic to help you look after those precious old documents, will follow October's talk. National Preservation Office Field Conservator, Vikki-Anne Heikell, will give hints on how to preserve your family photos. etc. The clinic runs from 1.00-1.30 and as numbers are limited you are advised to book - preservation@dia.govt.nz.

September is Wellington Heritage Month.

New Committee Member - Ian Brooking

"I bravely put up my hand at the AGM to make up committee numbers, not realising that I would be put into the Programme & Activities role that had just been vacated by Kathy and Frances – a hard act to follow! This will definitely be a test of my assumption that in retirement there is plenty of spare time.

As a bit of background, I retired last June from my 43 year stint in the DSIR and several other acronyms that it turned into. The first 30 years were as a plant scientist, and the last 13 were as a science librarian and library manager.

My wife Mary and I then escaped the Manawatu and moved to Paraparaumu in November, so I have not been a member of the Kapiti group for very long. However, I have been delving into family history for the past 40 years. I got the bug after my first trip to the UK in 1976, when I went and sat on my g.g.g. grandmothers grave at St. Petrox Church, within Dartmouth Castle. I have since learned that there is no cure for the bug!"



Round Robins

If you wish to subscribe to either of our Round Robin magazines, contact Meryl Opie ([RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org)) to get your name added to the list. Further details on our website under [Resources > Round Robins](#).

Subs \$15 per year starting Jul/Aug) to either

FamilyTree magazine or Who Do You Think You Are. This is a really good way of keeping up with the latest news and having access to interesting articles without having to subscribe to the magazines. Do check out which magazines are available. They all have a wealth of ideas and information.

**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. 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](mailto:editor@KapitiGen.org)

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher. Email links throughout the newsletter are clickable, remove one of the @ symbols before sending.

Membership

If you would like to learn how to uncover your family history come and join us. We have great facilities and offer help to get you started. Great value at \$25

Please refer to the website (<http://www.kapitigen.org/2015/01/membership-renewals-2/>) for joining instructions.

We will be happy to welcome you,.

Next Monthly Meeting
Tuesday September 22nd at 7pm

Grandfather's secrets unearthed
Kathy Callaghan