



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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Hello!

Firstly I would like to acknowledge our retiring Convenor Bill McKeich who has done a magnificent job for our Branch and is now taking a well-earned break from that role. Luckily for us, and especially for me, Bill is still a member of the Committee and has agreed to be my Deputy Convenor. He will take on any day time tasks that I am unable to attend due to work commitments. I am very grateful for this support, so thank you for everything you do for us Bill.

I would also like to thank our departing Committee members Kathy Callaghan and Frances Braddick. They have both served on the Committee for 4 years and have been the mainstays behind our very successful guest speaker programme. They are taking some "time out" from Committee, but are keen to continue supporting us in other ways, for which we are pleased.

It is lovely to welcome our new Committee members Sheila Jolley and Ian Brooking. Sheila has taken over as Editor of the Newsletter and is doing a great job. Please support her by sending in all your articles; news items; discoveries or queries. She will be very happy to receive them. Ian has taken on the Programme and Activities role, so if you have any

suggestion for potential guest speakers or day time visits to places of interest, please let Ian know.

If you have been to the library recently you will be aware that our computers have now been moved downstairs. Of course, as is to be expected, we are having a few teething problems but we hope to get those sorted out with library management as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience. If you have any concerns please discuss them with a member of the Committee, NOT the library staff. That way we can get our needs addressed through the right channels, by the correct people.

On the social side, following the success of our "End of Year" dinner at the Kapiti Club, we are going to do it again on Saturday 4th July. If you would like to join us, please let me know, either by putting your name on the list that will be at the branch meeting or by emailing me at [hilaryc "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:hilaryc@paradise.net.nz)

This month we look forward to welcoming to our meeting Nancy Swarbrick. Nancy is the Editor of Te Ara, Encyclopaedia of NZ. She will be showing how this website can help us with our family research which I am sure will be of value to members. See you on Tuesday 26th at the Kapiti Community Centre.

Hilary Cunningham

This month's meeting is on Tuesday May 26th 7-9 pm

**Speaker: Nancy Swarbrick
Te Ara Encyclopedia of NZ**

How to: Identifying Fred!

May Branch Meeting

When: May 26th at 7-9pm

Where: Kapiti Community Centre

What: Our speaker is Nancy Swarbrick, Te Ara Encyclopaedia of New Zealand.

How this website works and how to use it for genealogical research.

How to: by Bev Chappell, who tells how she solved the mystery of Fred

Branch news

April meeting and the AGM

The meeting was well attended and the AGM went well. It was pleasing to see that the size of the committee remains the same with two replacements for Kathy and Frances.

Focus on Family Search

Our speaker, Lorna, presented a most interesting oversight on what is now available for researchers from the **familysearch.org** site and gave hints on using this valuable tool. Lorna suggested that we all explore the site's Blog, which is found at the bottom of the opening page and also the Wiki search facility which covers many topics to assist in our research.

She then looked at the online Family Search Trees and enthused us all to try it for ourselves. I, for one, spent some time when I arrived home doing just that. Thank you Lorna for a very interesting talk.

Kathy and Frances

Family Search notes

FamilySearch Family Tree (<http://FamilySearch.org/tree>)

Need to be registered (free) and logged in.

Very useful for keeping track of source data found when searching records.

Yes you can add found records to your shoebox, but why not add them to the correct people in your FamilySearch Family Tree?

Easier if you've found, or added, the person before trying to attach the source as they are then in your history list

To add an unrelated person to the tree/people associated with your account.

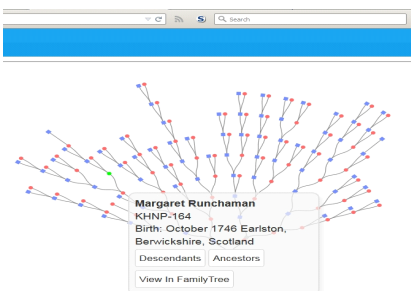
- use the top left Tree pull down menu
- click on the Add Unconnected Person at the bottom of the Go To list

To jump between people use the Person ID, it will look something like LDLK-M2D

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'TREE' and 'PERSON' dropdown menus. Below this is a search bar with the text 'Go To: LDLK-M2D'. A list of search results is displayed, each with a red dot icon and a name followed by a FamilySearch ID:

- LornaHen
Living • L8P5-66P
- Caroline Emma Austin
1854-1899 • LDLK-M2D
- Emma Parker Clinton
1827-1894 • LDTL-XGH
- Mrs Thomasin Winsor
1689-1756 • I 836-STD

At the bottom of the list, there is a green button labeled 'Add Unconnected Person'.



Want an overview of your tree, try out the add-on Puzzilla.org. Has some very useful analyses.

FamilySearch Wiki (<http://wiki.familysearch.org/>)

Starting to research in a new area, want to review what might be available now? Check out the Wiki, it has a wealth of knowledge on all sorts of topics along with learning videos. Don't forget the maps. Great for England and Wales. (<http://maps.familysearch.org/>)

Lorna

Google Image Search

Has anyone had any success identifying photos using Google's Image Search?

This article about its uses for genealogy caught my attention

http://familyhistorydaily.com/family-history/google-image-search-for-genealogy/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+familyhistorydaily+%28Family+History+Daily%29

Whereas I'd love to report a great success at identifying a mystery photo from my Nana's album, I did get a chuckle or two out of the results.

The photo I used is of an unidentified young lad looking somewhat startled at being the focus of attention standing against a stone wall on a stony bit of ground. My helpful aunt had tucked a note into the album "a nephew of Grandfather Davidsons name Dodds".

Research indicated that he was probably therefore a son of AgnesRobertson DAVIDSON who married a William DODDS in 1869 at Chirside (Berwickshire) who had moved to Gateshead sometime between 1874 and 1877.

But which one? No clues whatsoever on the photo itself, no studio, no writing, just the photo.

Google firstly reported that none were found of the same size*, and then presented a set of what it considered visually similar results.

I'm sure William, James or John would be rather insulted to find that these included very few humans, but all were similarly coloured (washed out sepia).

I followed the suggestion to add some descriptive words to the search - didn't really help, but it does seem rather likely that very few people will have this photo in their album, let alone posted online anywhere.

The example in the article was much more successful. I'll probably try again with other photos, but also try publishing them to my blog, probably to greater effect.

*the uploaded image wasn't actual size, so that wasn't a clue. However in Colleen Fitzpatrick's "The Dead Horse Investigation Forensic Photo Analysis for Everyone" (Rice Brook Press, 2008) she provides information to be gleaned from the shape/size of an original photograph.

Lorna

Round Robins

If you wish to subscribe to any 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](#).

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.

Who do you think you are?

The February 2015 issue has a comprehensive summary of all the parish registers that are online in the UK, where to find them and if they are free to search.

An article called *Mapping your family* shows how to use historic maps to place your family and understand their surroundings. A valuable resource.

Focus on Royal Navy records takes you through Ancestry's latest Royal Naval holdings and explains how they can help to trace your naval ancestors. Also best websites for agricultural workers.

Family Tree magazine

We all make mistakes! An amusing article by Chris Patton discusses how to go about righting the wrong and avoid errors in the future,

How to self-publish your family story. Advice based on the benefit of experience.

Where in the world? This article explains how to identify and research intriguing old photos to find out where and when they were taken. (See also Lorna's notes above)

Warning: Memories are great beginnings for research but the paper trail may tell a different tale.

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

As you will see the APFHC has now been relocated on the ground floor of the Paraparaumu library. To reach our space, turn right as you go through the main door and straight ahead to the west wall corner.

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.

As space is limited we'll have to limit on the number of magazines and books available, although our book cabinets may remain in situ for a while longer. Library staff have been very accommodating and your patience with any inconvenience is appreciated.

Please note Hilary's request in her Convenor's Comments that any issues should be taken up with a committee member, not library staff.

Computer Password at the APFHC

APFHC computer password changes regularly: check

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.

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 recent change was prompted by a security breach that we have not got to the bottom of, but resulted in the loss of printing facilities until it was resolved. 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.

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.

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.

Other Branch newsletters

Did you know that other NZSG branches send us their newsletters in exchange for ours.?

These come from all over the country and give an interesting insight into what is important to them and what activities are in vogue.

Bev photocopies all these newsletters and puts them in the APFHC for you to read. Do take a look. You could get some interesting ideas and come up with articles you'd like to see in ours (to keep the Editor fed!!)

Hint: The May newsletter from Blenheim will be their last. Their Editor retired!!

Resources to explore

FindmyPast

Prisoners of War records 1914-1920 are the first in a series of prisoners of War records digitised in conjunction with the National Archives, which will eventually form part of a wider collection to span 1715-1945, dating back to the Jacobite rebellion.

Yorkshire records. Over 5 million parish records released in conjunction with the Yorkshire Digitisation Consortium, covering 1538-1989. Additions include: Yorkshire baptisms 1538-1914, banns 1653-1930, marriages 1539-1930 and burials 1538-1966.

BillionGraves Cemetery Index records.

[England Billion Graves Cemetery Index records](#)

[Scotland Billion Graves Cemetery Index records](#)

[Wales Billion Graves Cemetery Index records](#)

[Ireland Billion Graves Cemetery Index records](#)

[Australia Billion Graves Cemetery Index records](#)

[New Zealand Billion Graves Cemetery Index records](#)

BillionGraves is the largest resource of GPC-logged headstone and burial records on the web. Partnership with FMP will make them free to search. Records include the deceased's name, birth and death dates, cemetery, city, county and image link.

Australian records

New South Wales Gaol Photographic Books 1871-1969 consists of prisoner images from 14 different gaols.

New South Wales Government Gazette Indexes 1843-1863 can give details of property occupation and transactions across the state.

New South Wales Returned Soldiers Settlement Files 1906-1960

Queensland Wills Index 1857-1940

UK records

Essex Wills Beneficiaries Index 1505-1916

Additions to the historic British newspaper collection means it now covers 245 years from 1710-1955 including the Daily Telegraph from 1871.

Surrey, Southwark St George the Martyr workhouse records 1729-1826. names include inmates, teachers nurses and other staff.

Quaker records

Society of friends births, 1578-1941; post 1776 records include date and place of birth and parents names. Marriages 1578-1841 and burials 1578-1841.

Ancestry update

Must search collections

*UK WWI Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany) 1914-1920. Daily reports provide an on-the-spot description of your ancestors' experience.

*Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Vital records 1875-1940. Search baptism, confirmation, marriage and burial records.

*Pennsylvania Birth records 1906-1908. Contain maiden names, occupations and parents birthplaces.

*Canada, Imperial War Service Gratuities. 1919-21 These Canadians fought with British forces and applied for gratuities on their return to Canada.

Kumara Times Project

Kumera is a settlement on the southern banks of the Taramakau River in Westland between Greymouth and Hokotika. One of the great gold rushes on the West Coast started here in 1876 and within just a couple of years the population had risen to 6000, when it became a Borough.

The *Kumara Times* was first published in 1876 as an afternoon daily and continued for 40 years, covering all the aspects of daily life that are involved with the development of a rural town. It details the political career of Richard John Seddon who was the town's first Mayor, going on to become the Premier of New Zealand.

The *Kumara Times Project* aims to digitise some of New Zealand's goldfields newspapers and make it available on *Papers Past*. The only original copies are held by the Hokotika Museum and have been put on microfilm. Two copies exist, the other is held by the National Library.

However only the first 20 years are known to exist (1876-1896) and several copies are missing. The project has to raise \$10,000 and is asking for donations, but is also asking people who have connections with the West Coast around that time to keep an eye open for copies of this rarely-seen newspaper.

So if you are researching goldfields, the *Kumara Times* could give you a good idea of the life and conditions for gold seekers.

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.

May 26th: Tuesday 7pm (KCC) Monthly meeting Nancy Swarbrick. Te Ara Encyclopedia of New Zealand.

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

Sunday June 14th: DNA interest group 2-4pm at Lorna's. For all those interested in DNA for genealogy.

Sat. June 27th: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group (KCC)

You may also be interested in:

May 23rd Irish Interest Group Lower North Island—AGM and Research day (see below) in Johnsonville

June 6th Irish Interest group Lower North Island—Palmerston North. 10am-3pm at Kilwinning Lodge.

Contact Jenny Martin to register [jenmartin "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:jenmartin@paradise.net.nz)

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursdays - next session **Thursday June 11th** for help with any Australian research.

DNA

Two monthly, 2nd Sat or Sun of month, (alternates between Sat and Sun) - next session **Sunday June 14th** 2-4pm (phone Lorna 293 7771 for directions)

Informal 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.

If you have tested autosomal DNA, remember to upload your DNA files to GEDMatch.com to find

more matches and make use of their wonderful tools.

Legacy Users (see below)

Next session **Saturday June 27th, 2-4pm**. Topic will be on our website when announced.

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

Irish

It's the **10th birthday** of the

Irish Interest Group, Lower North Island, Celebrate with them this Saturday at their

AGM and Research Day on May 23rd

at Johnsonville Community Centre Hall, 10am-3pm

Programme includes a presentation by Anita West on Irish BDMs, a film and research workshop after lunch.

Everyone is welcome. Visitors \$5 and BYO lunch.

Legacy Family Tree

For the uninitiated, like me, Legacy is a comprehensive family tree programme which comes in two editions - Standard which is free to download and Deluxe that costs \$US29.95.

Go to <https://www.legacyfamilytree.com/Learn2UseLegacy.asp>

Or

Go to www.legacyfamilytree.com Help Centre (tab) Learning to use Legacy

Or

Go to www.legacyfamilytree.com Training (tab) Training Videos

From the Committee

This month's meeting: Tuesday 26th May 2015

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 are very pleased to welcome Ian Brooking as a new member of the Committee. Thank you for volunteering Ian.

Thanks

The Committee would like to reiterate its appreciation to Frances and Kathy who have provided interesting programmes throughout the last four years and given unstinting help to newer members, Sincere thanks also go to all those volunteers outside Committee, who help the smooth running of the Society and its meetings, including the Interest Group facilitators.

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))

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.

National Library Talks

This month's talk is on **Friday 22nd May, 12.10-1pm** when Margaret Hurst will be speaking on 'Church and school records'.

On **Wednesday June 17th** a panel will be discussing Wellington City sources to tie in with Wellington 150. This will be followed by a conservation clinic where the National Preservation Office Field Conservator, Vikki-Anne Heikell, will be giving hints on how to preserve your family photos, documents etc. The clinic runs from 1.00-1.30 and as numbers are limited you are advised to book - preservation@dia.govt.nz.

During Family History Month, August, there will also be imaging services available and another talk on digitising of family collections.

From the editor

Greetings!

I'd like to reiterate the Committee's request for ideas for the "How to" spot at Branch meetings. For those of us who are new to the genealogy game this is a great chance to make small but significant steps up the huge learning curve. Don't be afraid to ask for easy things just because everyone else seems so knowledgeable - we all have to start somewhere. I would love to have a beginners spot somewhere in the newsletter—if that would be useful. Please let

me know.

For example how to use the basics of familysearch.org. Such a valuable tool to have at home, free to search.

I have been using some old maps of London to work out the movements of one branch of my family. I contacted the Hackney Archives who sent me a link. It was fascinating to see how close they lived and to find that 'lodgers' were often related in some way. I wish in my ignorant youth I had taken more notice of the "boring old dear" who regaled me with tales of bygone days and black-sheep relatives.

**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

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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.

Subscriptions

For those whose subscriptions remain unpaid by the time this newsletter is distributed, this will be your last newsletter.

Only the new blue card is now accepted for accessing our resources at the APFHC.

Please refer to the website (<http://www.kapitigen.org/2015/01/membership-renewals-2/>) or past newsletters for payment instructions for your \$25 - we would be happy to welcome you back.

Next Monthly Meeting
Tuesday June 26th at 7pm
Speaker: Emerson Vandy may
have to be rescheduled for family
reasons.
See next month's newsletter for
update on speaker.