

Convenor's Comment

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

Kia ora everyone!

I hope you have been getting lots of value from our family history month. I would like to record a vote of thanks to our Events and Activities co-ordinator, Ian Brooking. This has been a very busy month for him and he has done a marvellous job getting everything organised. Thank you Ian.

Congratulations and thanks also to Donna Bridgeman on her very informative and interesting talk on using Facebook. Consequent to our meeting, Donna was invited by the Porirua branch to present her talk at their family history month night, when the scheduled speaker had to drop out. With only a couple of days' notice, she willingly stepped into the breach! Well done Donna.

Donna was also approached by Radio NZ's Lynn Freeman who wanted to do a programme on using social media to research family history. Donna did a great job and shared some valuable information to would-be researchers. If you missed it first time around, the programme can be heard on the Radio NZ website by using this link: http://www.radionz.co.nz/audio/player?audio_id=201812084

By the time you get this we will have had our evening with Gerard Hindmarsh, which I am very much looking forward to, so more on this next month.

The first weekend of September will see the culmination of my two and half years of research into the NZ branch of the Desmond family, as we host the first ever gathering of the Desmond descendants of John and Ellen Desmond. We already have 50 confirmed attendees, and I expect there will be a few late enrollees to add to that number. We have family coming from as far afield as Vietnam, Australia, and from all over NZ, so it is very exciting, and, being a committee of one, pretty exhausting. But I'm sure that this will be the beginning of great things to come!

Happy hunting!

Hilary

**This month's meeting is on
Tuesday August 23rd
7-9 pm**

**Regional Research Night.
Bring your queries and
brickwalls!**

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August Branch Meeting

When: August 23rd at 7-9pm
Where: Kapiti Community centre
What: **Regional research session.**

Last month you indicated the countries where your research interests are based. At this meeting we will have discussion groups based on those counties. Bring all the relevant information you have on the ancestors you're researching and any brick walls. It should be a good evening of interactive discussions.

Meeting convenor: Kathy Callaghan

Family History Month

Saturday 20th August from 11am-3pm, our second research day open to the public- when individual help will be offered in 2 hour slots.

24 August – Genealogy software programs – a panel of Wellington Branch members. Up to five different software programmes, including Legacy (for Windows) and Reunion (for Mac), will be explained and their functions out-lined.

How To: Electronic scratch pads continued

The two generic, ie not genealogy specific, tools discussed at the July meeting were OneNote and Evernote. Both have free versions, both are "in the cloud" and allow synchronisation between devices, eg desktop, tablet/ipad, phone, so you take your notes with you.

OneNote is from Microsoft, and is probably already on your computer if you have Windows 8 or 10.

Evernote is more independent.

Explore and choose which meets your needs.

Why I like Evernote: (not necessarily a recommendation over OneNote, I simply haven't used the latter)

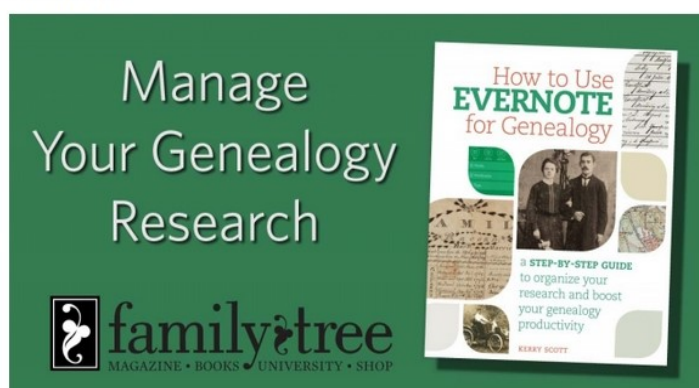
- Ability to encrypt selected text (which I use to keep password hints)
- ability to see my notes on whichever computer, wherever
- Great dumping ground of info found and to be processed later, easily found again via search
- The notebook/notes structure keeps me vaguely organised, certainly more so than bits of paper all over my desk

Check out their blog for the hint shown on the right. (<https://blog.evernote.com/>)

Lorna

TIPS & STORIES

8 Ways to Begin Your Genealogy Journey Using Evernote



Kerry Scott is the author of How to Use Evernote for Genealogy and a prolific blogger, genealogist, and instructor at Family Tree University. Teaching and offering assistance to those beginning their genealogical quests, she developed a methodology for getting started. [READ MORE](#)

Information wanted. A friend of a friend is looking for information about her birth father. His name is Leslie Raymond MASSICKS. He died somewhere in Kapiti in 2007/8. His second wife, Greta, died in 1997 and he and his first wife Helen were married in the 1980s. Has anyone heard of him? Any info to [editor "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:editor@KapitiGen.org), please.

Visit to Archives New Zealand

Thursday Sept 20th, starting at 10.30am

**Meet in the Foyer on the Ground Floor
10 Mulgrave Street, Wellington.**

Don't miss the next guided tour of Archives NZ, arranged for Kapiti Genealogy members. It is recommended that you take the 9.00am train from Waikane (9.05 Paraparaumu). It is only a short walk to Mulgrave St from Wellington Station.

The tour lasts approximately 1 hour, during which you'll be given a general overview of Archives NZ and be shown some common types of family history records.

After the tour you can stay and do some research if you wish. There is a good café on site.

In preparation for the tour, Archives NZ suggests that tour participants visit <http://archives.govt.nz>, in particular the main database Archway <http://www.archway.archives.govt.nz> and the Research Guides that are linked to <http://archives.govt.nz/resources/research-resources>

Numbers are limited so please register by

Wednesday 14th September

Ph: Kathy Callaghan 297 0733

or email: kathycallaghan@gmail.com

Sites that have information on Facebook

Following her presentation on using Facebook for Genealogy, Donna Bridgeman has provided the following links to sites giving additional information.

<http://youngandsavvygenealogists.blogspot.co.nz>

<http://cyndislist.blogspot.co.nz/2010/04/uses-for-facebook-in-genealogy>.

html <http://www.storygenes.com/using-facebook-for-genealogy>

<http://www.wikihow.com/Use-Facebook-to-Research-Your-Family-Tree>

<http://auntbarbspapers.blogspot.co.nz/2015/01/asking-for-help-right-way.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLFbyG3UY9U>

Facebook for Genealogists by Thomas MacEntee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-n8O5mSFvE>

Quick Tip #1: Genealogy Facebook Groups

<http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2012/10/09/using-facebook-to-grow-your-family-tree/>

Donna's email is grrlgypsy@gmail.com

Thanks to Ian Brooking for the summary of Donna's notes on Page 6.

APFHC News



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

Help Sessions

Bev Chappell organises sessions to help with research for the public and members on Wednesday mornings from 10-12am at the APFHC. Volunteers to help with these sessions are always welcome and appreciated by those needing assistance.

Research Assistance

Apart from the weekly Wednesday morning sessions, members needing assistance with their research can use the KapitiGen Forum form on our website (<http://www.kapitigen.org/resources/research/genforum/>). Your request will be passed on to someone who has expertise in that area.

Location at Paraparaumu library

Our facility, the Alison Procter FHC, is on the ground floor of Paraparaumu library. Turn right inside the door and go to the far wall. The keys for the APFHC cupboard are held at the Welcome Desk opposite the library entrance. Please replace the cover on the computer when you leave and lock the keyboard in the cupboard. Any matters relating to the Kapiti Branch should be taken up with a committee member, **not** library staff.

The Kapiti Genealogy Menu

Remember that you do not 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.

Computer Password at the APFHC

The APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red folder in the drawer. Members need to get the cupboard key from the library Welcome desk. We also ask that you sign the blue sign-in book found 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 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 a time other than the 10 to 12 timeslot, when use of the computers is at a premium.



Round Robins

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

Subs \$15 per year starting Jul/Aug) to either Family Tree magazine or Who Do You Think You Are.

NB.
Subs for the 2016/17 year are now due!

If you wish to continue receiving the Round Robin, please send your subscription to Lorna.

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. They all have a wealth of ideas and information

When the 'round robin' subscribers have finished with them, the magazines are put into folders in our library at the APFHC. So do check them out. Most articles do not date.

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 in the [programme information on our website](#), both in a downloadable document and on the calendar.

August 23rd: Tuesday 7pm (KCC) Monthly meeting . Details on page 2.

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.

Family History Month. Public research help session on **20th August**, 11am-3pm. at APFHC.

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

Thursday 8th September: Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon

Saturday 17th September: Roots magic group at Kapiti Community Centre., 2-4pm.

Saturday 8th October: DNA interest group , 2-4pm at Lorna's.

Saturday August 27th: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group, 1- 4pm at the Kapiti Community Centre.

Kapiti Branch members might also be interested in the following:

Thursday September 18th. Overview of resources at APFHC 5.30-7pm. Using familysearch.org

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December - next session **Thursday September 8th** for help with any Australian research.

10-12am at the APFHC.

Legacy Users

Our meetings are the last Saturday of every second month from February to October.

Everyone is welcome.

Next meeting **Saturday August 27th** at the Kapiti Community Centre. Cost \$3, pay at the door. Tea and coffee available.

Contact Gerald Twiss [Gero "at" ihug.co.nz](mailto:Gero@ihug.co.nz) for more details.

Roots Magic group

Meets 3rd Saturday every 2nd month at the **Kapiti Community Centre**, from 2 - 4pm, doors open 1:30pm. \$3 to cover costs/ refreshments.

Next meeting is **Saturday 17th Sept** 2-4pm Bring along your questions and useful tips.

There will be a brief presentation on one of the useful tools available within RootsMagic.

Mark the last meeting for the year, **Nov 19th**, in your diary .

Email [RootsMagic "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:RootsMagic@KapitiGen.org) for enquiries/ suggestions.

DNA

Informal (free) 2-monthly group for anyone interested in adding DNA testing to their genealogy toolkit.

Next meeting **Saturday 8th October** 2-4pm.

Lorna 04 293 7771

All questions welcome.

If you tested on FamilyTreeDNA, have you made use of their new tool whereby they mark your matches by "side", ie mother's or father's ancestry? Links and info available at:

<http://dnasurnames.blogspot.com/2016/07/dividing-up-your-atdna-matches-just-got.html>

Our **August** meeting covered the chart options useful for DNA on WikiTree. Their compact tree view is great for a quick overview of a pedigree to show your matches your ancestry. The DNA confirmed, or parents uncertain indicators are also very useful visible clues.

Facebook for Genealogy

At the July Branch meeting, Donna Bridgeman gave a very informative and stimulating presentation on **“Facebook – a tool for genealogy research.”** Donna is one of our Branch members, administers a number of Facebook Groups, and is an enthusiastic advocate for the use of Facebook in genealogy.

Here is a summary of the main points:

Why Facebook? Facebook provides another avenue for you to make contact with other genealogists and share your research problems and discoveries. It is a bit like Ancestry Message Boards, for example, but has all the bells and whistles of a modern social network.

If you are already a Facebook user, branching out to use it for genealogical research is a simple step.

If you are not currently a Facebook user, the first important point is that you must have a Facebook account before you can start. Go to <https://www.facebook.com> and create an account.

Pages vs Groups

When you create a Facebook account, you will have a standard personal Facebook Page. This is where you attract all your Friends, Post messages and Share photos.

However, beyond that Page, Facebook has a whole other world populated with Facebook Groups that connect people with a common interest. Currently for genealogy alone there are over 10,000 active Groups.

Katherine Willson curates an indexed list of known genealogy Groups at <https://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list/>

Having found a genealogy Group of interest, you can join that Group by clicking on the Group's "Join" button.

Groups come in one of 3 types:

Public. Anyone can join, but even without joining, all of the Posts, Files etc. are visible. Joining is necessary for adding Posts and taking part in discussions.

Closed. You request to join, and your request is mediated by an administrator. Once approved, you will be able to see and participate in the Group. Without joining, all you will see is the description of the Group's purpose, and its members.

Secret. The Group's existence is visible only to its members, and entry to the Group is by invitation only.

Both Public and Closed Groups have a description that provides information on the Group's purpose and guidelines for its use. This will help you decide whether to join the Group or not.

Groups provide a great way to network with other genealogists around the world. You can make friends, learn from one another and expand your genealogical horizons, all from the comfort of your home. When you join a Group you will receive assistance, get an insight into how people research, see how to brainstorm for alternative explanations, discover additional places to find information or documents, and much more.

The next best thing to a face to face conversation!

Tips for using a Facebook Group

- First, check your Facebook privacy settings – use Facebook so that it benefits you, rather than embarrasses you!
- Check the Files section, as there will often be useful documents and tools in there.
- When posting a message to ask for assistance with a research problem or transcription keep it to **one** question. State what you do know already, and where you have searched. State person's full name, BDM dates and, if known, wife /children and where they came from. If showing a picture, state where it came from and any other details. Make your inquiry engaging so people want to read it, and then want to help you.
- When posting a surname always write that in upper case.
- Never, ever share 'living person data'.
- "Close" your thread once you get an answer.
- Don't hijack someone else's thread by asking your own unrelated questions on someone else's post. This can lead the thread off the original topic, which is not fair to the original poster. Also, your question will probably not get the attention it deserves because it is buried in someone else's post.
- Do not post the same request simultaneously to different groups or pages.
- Be polite! Treat others as you want to be treated. "Please" and "Thank you" are the two most important phrases in your genealogy requests.

If you need any more convincing, Donna is willing to help. She can be contacted at [grrlgypsy "at" gmail.com](mailto:grrlgypsy@gmail.com)

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday August 23rd 2016

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting starts.

Supper roster: **W - Z and A - C**

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

Committee meetings: 7.30pm, 1st Wednesday of months February - December

Welcome to new members:

Neil MILESTONE, Val READ and Sue WILSON

Please make yourself known to other members at the monthly meetings. It's our chance to get to know you and share experiences, and your opportunity to find out where you can get help with your story. We hope you'll enjoy our facilities and get great benefit from your membership.

From the Librarian

Did you know that we receive newsletters from twenty branches of the NZSG?

The larger branches publish a newsletter monthly but for smaller branches it is less often.

The library collection is usually restricted to issues published within the immediate two year period. These newsletters are in labelled blue folders arranged in branch alphabetical order and located on the bottom shelf of the electoral roll stand in our APFHC area in the Paraparaumu Library.

The newsletters within the current collection are from the NZSG branches located in:

Balclutha, Bishopdale, Blenheim, Cambridge, Canterbury, South Canterbury, Feilding, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Kilbirnie, New Plymouth, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papakura, Porirua, Riccarton, Waimate, Wairapara, Wanganui and Wellington

Take time to peruse these newsletters, as collectively they are a treasure trove of interesting historical snippets, useful websites, local events, pioneer families, helpful hints, research resources, etc. We ask that you treat these newsletters as reference copies to be read in the library only.

School records transcription project

This project is playing an essential part in digitizing our local schools' records.

If you are willing to take part in this project contact the coordinator, John Glover. He will be pleased to hear from you.

([pamandjohn "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:pamandjohn@paradise.net.nz))

Help with Research

Sue Greene, who has been our Research Officer for several years is no longer able to take on serious genealogy research. Many thanks, Sue, for the valuable help you have given to many people with a variety of requests.

If anyone is willing to assist with research queries in one or more specific areas/ countries, please contact a member of the Committee. Your help will be appreciated.



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

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 on how to make the best to use of this medium. If a Facebook user, do remember to click "like".

How to?

Please let the Committee know what topics you would like covered in our meeting "How to" sessions.

It's a chance to find out how to resolve any difficulty you're having with a programme or make the most of the extensive facilities we have available. Nothing is too simple or odd. Please give us your ideas.

Keep searching!





Branch meetings:

4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

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

Branch Committee

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Email links

Throughout the newsletter email links are clickable. Remove the "at" and insert the @ symbol before sending.

Membership

We welcome new and returning members. Our annual subscription is \$25.

Please refer to the website (<http://www.kapitigen.org/2016/01/membership-renewals-201617/>) for joining and payment instructions.

Ex-officio committee

Trip organiser: Kathy Callaghan

Magazine Round Robins:

Meryl Opie

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Equipment Support:

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DNA: Lorna Henderson

Roots Magic: Lorna Henderson

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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.

Used ink cartridges

Please continue to bring your empty cartridges to the monthly Branch meetings.

They will be handed on to Jill Craig, our used- cartridge collector.

Newsletter contributions.

Deadline: Saturday after 1st Wednesday of month.

Please send copy to: [editor "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:editor@KapitiGen.org)

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher.

Next meeting
September 27th 2016

What's behind the DNA
detectives?