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Editorial



May the Luck be with you!

The leprechaun is back! It doesn't seem long since Paddy's Day last year, but I suspect this year's celebrations will be sadly curtailed in many countries.

Thank you to those who responded to the call for newsletter stories. Please keep them coming and/or enter the competition on page 5. Do read the two interesting articles this month on p. 3 and 4.

Those who registered for DNA workshops on 27-28th March should know by now that the sessions will held on-line, (see page 2). So if you want to go but couldn't travel, you now have the chance to join in. Registration for the Virtual Workshops is \$120.

The Familysearch Desk at the National Library will be closed from 17th march to 7th April as a safeguard for volunteers now that Covid19 has arrived in Wellington.

Another thing to note is that the Online Trees interest group sessions - next one on April 18th- start at 1.45 and finish at 3.45 as we have to vacate the room by 4pm when the Library closes.

In the meantime, don't forget to look out an old photo that you'd love to have restored and bring it to the April meeting for Jo Carter to appraise.

At this month's meeting, Lorna will be talking about on-line trees, something I knew nothing of until I was asked to join one. The numerous relatives that have come to light as a result is astounding!

If you are feeling unwell, and/or have been in contact with the dreaded virus, please consider the rest of us and stay at home.

Sheila

Next meetings:
Tuesday 24th and
Wed. 25th March

Online Family Tree
Options
Lorna Henderson

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March Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: Tuesday March 24th 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

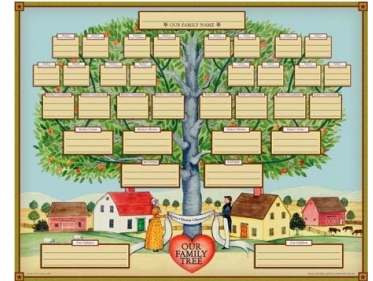
Where: Kapiti Community Centre, 15, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu

What: 'On line Trees' - Ancestry, Familysearch, Myheritage, etc.
How can they help? How can you use them to best advantage and are they valuable as back up?

By Lorna Henderson

Convenor: Ian Barbour

Supper roster: A – E



Daytime research meeting

When: Wednesday March 25th 1.30 – 4pm
2 - 4pm - meeting

Where: Waikanae Baptist Church Cafe, 286, Te Moana Rd, Waikanae

What: News and updates from the evening meeting. Followed by our popular Research Session.
Bring along questions and problems to discuss. Do you use a family tree?

Co-ordinator: Sonia Coom

Branch news

April meeting on 28th

At the successful meeting in February, Michael Gaffaney showed us old photos in his book 'The Gaffaneys of Belper' that had been brought back to life by **Jo Carter** of Carterworks. The good news is that Jo will be our speaker at the April meeting.

Michael has suggested that she comment on photos people bring to the meeting and tell them what is involved in their restoration. This is a great opportunity to find out if that treasured photo could be returned to it's former clarity, so please bring it along to the meeting.



Please note that there have had to be changes to the DNA Discovery 2020 sessions due to be held in Wellington 27th and 28th March, thanks to the coronavirus.

The lecturers can no longer be with us from the States but CAN be with us via the wonders of the internet.

Registrations have now been re-opened for a virtual Discovery Tour which you can participate in from the comfort of your own home - same time, same dates.

All ticket holders should already have received emails re the changes.

The good news however for those who had missed out, you can now register by following this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dna-discovery-lectures-wellington-tickets-86092736693>

In addition, the advanced workshops that were to be held in Auckland have been postponed until Easter next year.

Again, ticket holders will have been notified of both this, and the bonus online "attendance" for an Auckland event in early April this year, around the same time.

The Mystery of Patrick Clarke

Whatever happened to Patrick Clarke, my 2x Great Grandfather??

We are looking for Patrick Clarke. Born Ireland, probably County Leitrim about 1810. No record found. He married Bridget Rooney in Manorhamilton, Leitrim possibly 1845 ish.

Had four children as stated on her death notice. We know of Mary Ann Josephine, Isabella and John. We have record of Mary Ann being in New Zealand, but no details on how or when she arrived. Isabella and John came with Bridget.

I have copies of:

1. Shipping details showing Bridget, Isabella and John on the "Assisted Emigration to Nelson" list aboard the Ship "Adamant" on 6th May 1874 - but not Patrick Clarke.
2. The Birth and Baptismal Certificate of Patrick's son, John, my Great Grandfather, shown together with Patrick and Bridget, his parents. This is dated 30 March 1851 and took place in Manorhamilton, County Leitrim, Ireland.
3. Bridget's Death Certificate showing she died on 12 August 1877 in Greymouth, indicating she was still married to Patrick Clark. (See below)

NEW ZEALAND	
Certified Copy of Entry in the Register Book of Deaths 0200944	
Place of Registration GREYMOOUTH	
1. Name and Surname	Bridget Clarke
2. Profession or Occupation	-
3. Usual place of residence	-
4. Sex, Age, Date of Birth	F 44 years
5. When died	12 August 1877
6. Where died	Mackay Street, Greymouth
7. Where born	County Leitrim, Ireland
8. How long in New Zealand	3 years
9. Name and Surname of Father	Michael Rooney
10. Name and Surname of Mother	Anne Connigan
11. Maiden Surname of Mother	Connigan
12. Profession or Occupation of Father	Shoemaker
13. Where married	Manor Hamilton, County Leitrim, Ireland
14. At what Age married	19 years
15. To whom married	Patrick Clarke
16. Age of Widow, if living	-
17. If issue living, state Ages of each Sex	M. 1 male P. 3 females
18. When buried	15 August 1877
19. Where buried	Greymouth Cemetery
20. Causes of Death and Intervals between Onset and Death	Paralysis 3 weeks
21. Medical Attendant by whom certified	C.L. Morice
22. When he last saw Deceased (i.e. before death)	About 3 weeks past

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the above particulars included in an entry of death in the Register-Book kept in my office.

Dated at Greymouth the 7th day of March 1874

C. L. Morice
Medical Registrar

The fee for this certificate is \$7.00

CAUTION—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses it as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution under the Crimes Act 1961.

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Information to date...

1st child girl. Unknown.

2nd child Mary Ann Josephine came to NZ but can't find when. Information received from a relation has her married to a George Rich, living and dying in Kumara, West Coast.

3rd child John James (my GGgrandfather) was baptised in 1851 (have certificate) in the parish of Kilmore. He and his younger sister Isabella came to New Zealand with their mother Bridget Clarke, nee Rooney, but travel documents do not mention Patrick coming.

They landed in Nelson on 6th May 1874 and settled in Greymouth. Bridget died in 1877 and is buried in Greymouth. Patrick has always been a mystery to the family.

There was a marriage notice in the Auckland paper past in 1875 or 6 saying Isabella was to be married to Frank Fowkes and her father Patrick Clarke was from Leitrim, Ireland making me think he may have still been alive and living there.

If anyone can share some light on the fate of Patrick Clarke it would be great. Information found can be sent to the Secretary@KapitiGen.org. Thank you.

May Redmond

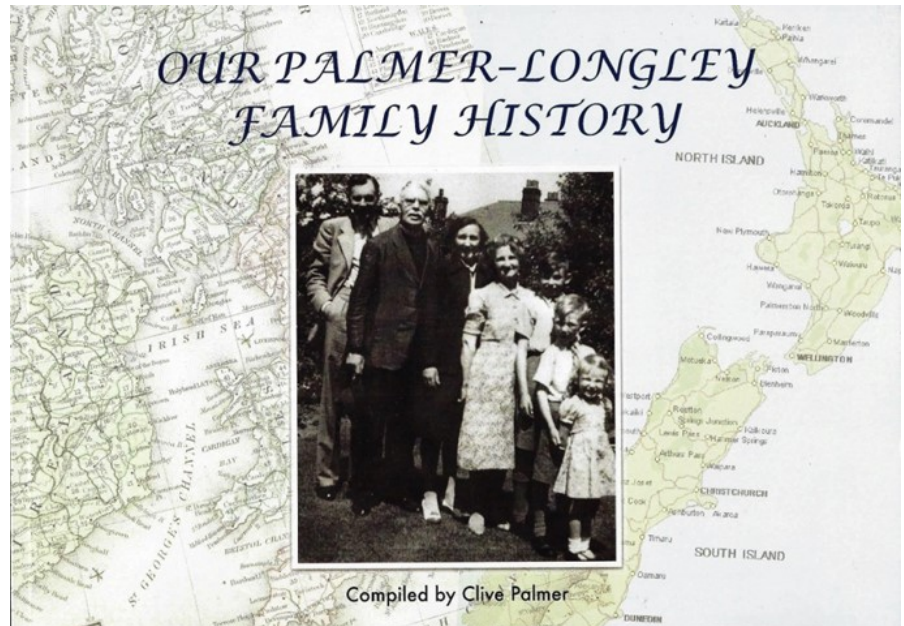
What have I been up to?

The call to arms in the February newsletter by your Editor, stirred me into action. Comments about publishing your family history was a further nudge.

I have completed two histories, the first in 2018 of my wife's Harrison family, whose ancestors arrived in Wellington in 1842 from Somerset, England.

The second, in 2019, was of my own tribe, more recent immigrants in 1948 with Yorkshire and Lancashire roots.

We did not publish them in the sense of a publicly accessible document, but a professionally printed and bound book which we presented to all our immediate family.



Such was the Harrison family interest that it was reprinted last year with the inevitable corrections and some updated data. We have also earmarked copies for more recent grandchildren (all under eight) and put in storage to be available if and when they take an interest in where they came from.

This journey began ca 2002 when I joined Kapiti Genealogy. So yes, it took the better part of 15 years to get to a stage when we felt it worth printing.

Our approach has been to tell the story of each ancestor as the search unfolded, adding to the justifications and proof with copies of records (boring parts according to some of our grandchildren), personal items such as letters, and the views and memories of ourselves and our siblings, of our parents and grandparents. Amazing how siblings have very different memories of the events which we shared.

The final section of our books was a memory collection of photos and images which did not fit comfortably in the main body of text; and appendices of larger records, wills, descendant and pedigree charts and DNA profiles.

My membership of Kapiti Genealogy and NZSG has been a mainstay to this journey. As some of you will recall it included several years on your Committee, a few years as Convenor and a Life Membership in 2014. My publishing experience has resulted in me helping seven others put their family stories together over the past few years.

I have recently started a small family history group in my Probus Club, several of whom are writing up their family history and stories. If I can be of help to KapGen members, I am sure a committee member can put you in touch with me.

Clive Palmer



Dr Angela Robertson is launching her book, 'Life on our Terms' on Friday 27th March at the Kapiti Community Centre 9.30-11.30am. This is a book of short stories about older men and women, some living in Kapiti, who are ensuring age no barrier to their lifestyle choices.

Angela Robertson lives on the coast, is a professional coach and writer, She is offering help to anyone wanting to write their family story. [kiaora"at"angelarobertson.nz](http://kiaora.at/angelarobertson.nz)

Get published!

Now is your chance to get published - even if it is only in the newsletter!

What can you do with all that lovely research and how can you liven up those dusty dates and names?

Kapiti Genealogy invites members to get writing, or drawing, and submit either
500 words max on your family history, or a favourite ancestor or research journey
OR an up to A4 sized pictorial representation of your family tree.

Must be suitable for publication in the newsletter! Scandal allowed.

Entries close **May 30th**. Winning entry to be published in the June newsletter; others to follow as space permits.

So please get out that quill pen and send entries to [editor "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:editor@KapitiGen.org).

LNI Irish Interest Group's 15th birthday

Following a successful research day on 22nd February at which Maggie Gaffney and Graeme McVerry gave informative presentations, the LNI Irish Interest Group celebrated it's 15th birthday on March 7th. A brief history of the IIG was given by Jenny Martin, after which Geraldine O'Reilly and a representative from the Irish Embassy gave their appreciative comments on the work of the Group.

Jenny Martin set up the Irish Interest Group Lower North Island in 2004/05 with the assistance of Geraldene O'Reilly, who is the Convenor of the Main NZSG Irish Group in Auckland. Marie Perham was at the inaugural meeting on 6th February 2005, joined the committee two year later and has been on it ever since.

An excellent lunch provided by members of the Group was followed by a display of Irish dancing by a local primary school. The celebration cake cut by current Convenor, Jenny Martin, ably assisted by Marie.

Photos courtesy of Rodney King. Thank you



Foundation members Jenny Martin and Marie Perham cutting the cake.

Missing a NZ birth registration?

Possible explanation for those missing NZ birth registrations:

"The Yeoman" 25 July 1881: *The provision of the laws relating to the registration of births are not so widely known as they should be, for it is notorious that many children in Wanganui and elsewhere are unregistered. The Act provides for free registration within 8 weeks of births, and for registration within 6 months by a fee of 5s. After that period no child can be registered until after the parent has been prosecuted, the maximum penalty being £10.*

Perhaps when parents missed the deadline they weren't prepared to pay the penalty!

Deborah Shuker

Dates to note

Kapiti Genealogy Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre, Ground Floor, north west corner, Paraparaumu Library

KCC: Kapiti Community Centre, Pohutukawa Room, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Waikanae Baptist Church Cafe, 286, Te Moana Rd, Waikanae

All Kapiti Branch events are in the programme on our website on the calendar.

Wednesdays: 10 am to noon. Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC.

Saturday 4th April: Members help session, 1- 3pm, APFHC. **By appointment only.**

This is a great opportunity to get one-on-one help. Please pre-book a slot by phoning Lorna on 293 7771.

The New Zealand Ministry of Health advises those who have travelled/transited from areas with large COVID-19 outbreaks or are feeling unwell, please consider others and self-isolate for 14 days.

In view of the virus now being in Wellington the National Library

FamilySearch desk will be closed for two weeks from today 17th March and, all going well, will reopen 7th April 2020 to safeguard the health of our volunteers.

For further advice, please see the Ministry of Health website.

Interest Groups

Roots Magic

For those using Rootsmagic for their family history.

Next meeting will be **Saturday 21st March, 2-4pm** at Kapiti Community Centre. \$3 door fee. to cover expenses.

Version 8 is expected early this year. When you start up RootsMagic the list of blog posts shown give further information on the pricing

<http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=3259>

and a preview of some of the changes we can expect <http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=3328>

For more information <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic/>

Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to November.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 9th April, 10-12noon** at APFHC, for help with any Australian research.

Irish

Next meeting **Tuesday 14th April, 2-4pm.**

APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

DNA

Next meeting **Saturday 11th April 2020,**

2-4pm at Waikanae Baptist Church Café, 286 Te Moana Rd. \$3 door charge.

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>

Want some suggestions for a break from the research and making sense of results while you avoid Covid-19?

Some good blog suggestions:

<https://blog.kittycooper.com/2020/03/a-reading-list-to-stay-at-home-with/>

<https://dna-explained.com/2020/03/14/fun-genealogy-activities-for-trying-times/>

Both of these blogs also have very helpful posts on how to use all sorts of DNA tools and make sense of your results, beginner to advanced.

Online Trees/software.

Saturday 18th April, 1.45-3.45pm.

Paraparaumu Library meeting room.

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/online-trees-their-companion-software-programs/>

The April session will focus on My Heritage.

The companion software, completely free and with useful features, is their FamilyTreeBuilder package which runs on both Windows and Mac and can be used in standalone mode on your desktop or linked to your tree(s) there. The snag however is that the free trees are limited to 250 people.

Like Ancestry (and FamilySearch) there's also an app for your tablet/ipad which is fully integrated with your online tree.

For those who have never explored or heard of MyHeritage it is an equivalent to Ancestry, with records, trees, and DNA.

Information for new members

Branch meetings:

Evening meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from January to November.

Daytime meeting is on the following day, usually the fourth Wednesday, from Jan. to November. Check on page 2 for dates.

Coming up.

Tuesday March 24th 7:00pm: supper
7:30pm: meeting starts

Wednesday March 25th 1:30pm: meet and mingle
2 - 4pm: meeting

Free to members of the Branch, Visitors \$3
Details of both meetings on page 2

Committee meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday evening of the month for the summer.

Evening meeting upper roster: A – E

If your surname starts with the above letters, we would appreciate your assistance. (Don't worry - we use the dishwasher provided!)

We welcome new members.

Brian Paterson and Don Keats

Help with Research

Our help sessions on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparaumu Library 10-12am and on the first Saturday of every month, 1-3pm, will assist you to make the most of our facilities.

Saturday's are by appointment only. If you need individual help phone Lorna on 293 7771 to book a session.

Special Interest Group sessions are detailed on page 6

If you are new to genealogy, go to <https://www.genealogy.org.nz/> and click on the 'Getting it Right' logo.

These free resources are an ideal starting point. Each resource consists of a video and a set of notes. You can pick and choose what you learn or work your way through,

Facilities at the Alison Proctor Family History Centre

The APFHC is located at Paraparaumu Library . Turn right inside the library entrance and at the far end you'll see the six computers, microfiche and library. The cupboard on the right hand side of the area contains the red folders mentioned below.

Members need to get the cupboard key from the library Welcome Desk, when you will be asked to show your membership card for the current year.

Computer Password at the APFHC

The APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red Computer Help folder in the top drawer. Keyboards are in the lowest drawer. Please sign the red signing-in book found in the top drawer.

Replace the cover on the computer when you leave and lock the keyboard in the cupboard.

We have wonderful resources on all six of our computers at the APFHC, quite apart from all the other records and books. You are encouraged to use these resources as often as you need.

All six computers have subscriptions to Ancestry, FindMyPast and access to The Genealogist, as well as free sites like FamilySearch (we suggest you use your own log-in to FamilySearch). A microfiche is available. You are encouraged to save the results of your searches on a USB memory stick or send them to your own email address. We have a printer if you wish to print a hard copy. Please put 10c per copy in the honesty box on the cupboard door. Please **do not switch off** the printer.

Website

Log in and explore, update your details and find information on our user groups.

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> gives full details of all meetings in the calendar and is easy to negotiate.

Should any member wish to have their research interests published in the newsletter to contact others, please complete the Members Interests form in the Members Only section of our website <http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/members-only/#introduce> . You will have to log in to do so. Instructions for logging in are available at <http://www.kapitigen.org/2012/07/logging-in/>



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Membership

Members are reminded that our subscription year ends 31st March and subs are therefore now due.

Still a bargain at \$25 for the year April to March.
Bank account for internet banking payments: BNZ
02-0591-0040791-000
Further details for existing or intending members at
<http://www.kapitigen.org/2020/01/membership-for-the-20201-year/>

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Email links

Throughout the newsletter email links are clickable. Remove the extra @ symbol before sending.

Next meeting
28th April

Photos - their care and
restoration
Jo Carter of Carterworks